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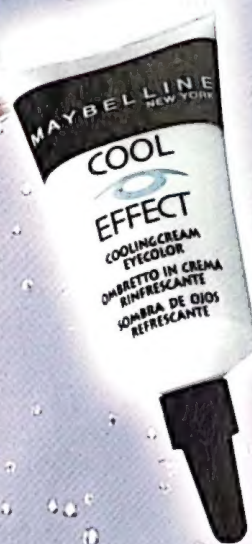
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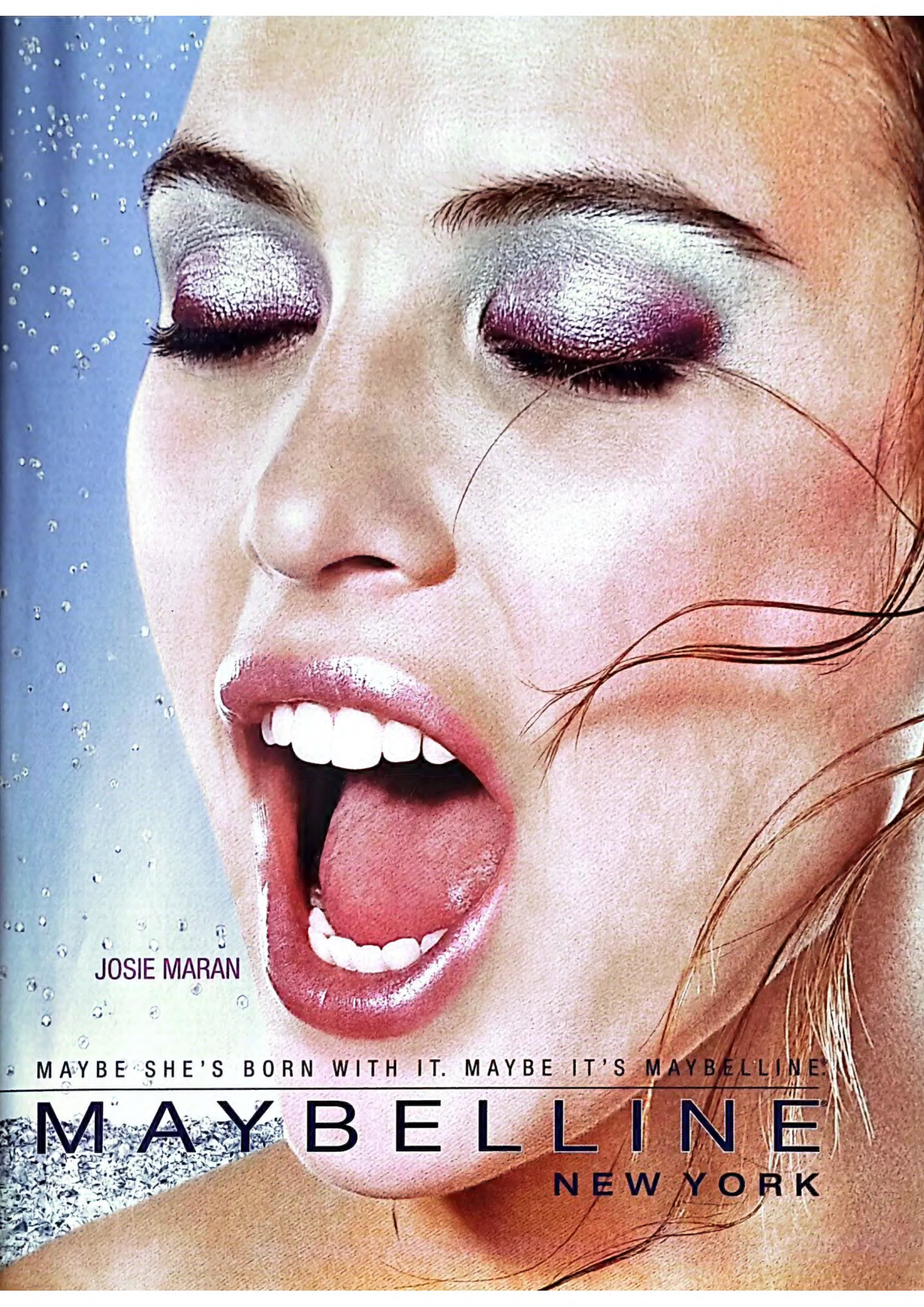
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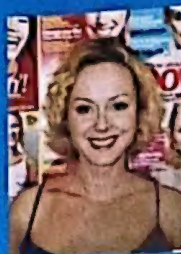
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## Ed's letter

At the start of this year, nu-metal still hadn't got the recognition it deserved. So Solid Crew were making music to get them their big break and Harry Potter was still just a few good adventure books for kids. We hope you love the 14 pages (yes, 14!) devoted to the lads who've rocked our world this year - it's good to look back and work out what went right in boy world.

This is my last issue in the Ed's chair. I've had an excellent time and I know J17's going to get better and better in 2002. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

*Ally*

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# Teenage postbag



**"Festive greetings! We hope your Christmas is filled with cash, chocolate and snogs and all boring New Year resolutions are broken by 2 January. Our pact for 2002 is to keep J17 the best mag eva - all you have to do in return is keep the fab letters coming. Deal?"**

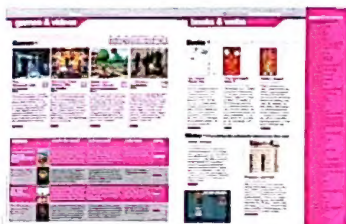
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## Star Letter

I wanted to tell you how much you've helped my little sis get through a really tough time. She's dyslexic so I often read all the stories to her. We always take your advice, buy the cool books you suggest and both love Diary Of A Crush! Please print this because my sister would be made up if she knew she was in her fave mag!

**Rosie, Brighton**

We're so happy to hear that we've made a difference to your sis' life, Rosie. You sound like the best sibling around. To reward your kindness, we're sending you this shiny CD Walkman. But will you do the ultimate in sisterly love and donate it to your sis? The decision, Rosie, is yours...



**SANYO**



compliments, too - our kinda gal! Ever since we received your letter our heads have been swelling and fashion ed Neil's having trouble getting through the door, doh!

## Turn Up The Heat

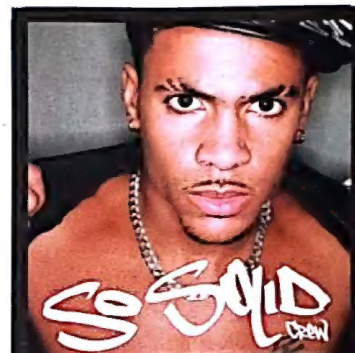
How great did Sam Mumba look in your December issue? I loved the interview because she seemed so down to earth, and the Hot List really rocked my world. Eminem in boxing gloves? He can get in my ring any time! The only thing I was disappointed with was that you forgot about Usher and my fave TV boy Jack Ryder. How could you?

**Emily, Chorley**

Glad you liked our Celeb ish, Emily. We still quiver every time we see that lovely pic of Eminem (and admit that we do flick to it at least twice a day!). As for Usher and Jack Ryder - did ya think we'd really disappoint you? You've just entered an even hotter issue that's devoted to everyone's fave celeb boys, so turn to page 10 for our essential selection. We should carry a government health warning!

## Pierced Problems

Thanks for the piece on body piercing in your November issue ('Body-bootiful') - bad piercings really can leave a terrible mess. When I got my navel pierced twice, I tried to hide it from my parents which meant clothes were always



In November's issue of J17, we ran an article about So Solid Crew. In the article, we wrongly stated that band member Harvey was charged with owning a gun and making a threat to kill back in August. We are happy to make clear that Harvey has never faced such a charge, has never owned a gun and never made any threat to kill. The error was made by J17 staff and not the author of the article, Chris Elwell-Sutton. We unreservedly apologise to Harvey for our error and for any distress or embarrassment caused.

rubbing and it didn't heal properly. Eventually I had to take it out. I spent £100 and all I'm left with are four purple scars and the inability to wear a bikini ever again. It sucks.

**Carrie, via e-mail**

**Maybe for once in her life Posh ►**

## J-17



## Arty Letter Of The Month

I just wanna say you're da greatest mag eva. You guys give me da latest news and goss and your fashion just rocks. I've designed a cover 4 U with all my fave things on it. Hope you like it and it inspires you to keep up da good work!

**Sanna, Southampton**

Thanks for your J17 cover, Sanna. Not only are you an accomplished arty babe but you've got a talent for dishing out

## Overload This month our postbag has mostly been bursting with...

**80% - Our Scary Comp. Teen Towers was overtaken by your spooky stories! All the entries were inspired brilliance - check out the winner over the page.**

**20% - Your Christmas wish-lists. From posters to pressies, you laydees know what you want from Santa and aren't afraid to ask for it!**



## LETTERS

### So hot, so not

This month Steph from Harrogate sends in her rants and raves...

- Mistletoe** – great excuse to bag loads of snogs.
- Pressies** – come on Mum, where's my mini disc at?
- Stripy scarves** – funky and very practical.
- Fairy lights** – great for the tree and my bedroom all year round.

► **Spice got it right** when she faked it, Carrie. Piercing can cause all kinds of problems and unless you can guarantee that you're getting it done at a professional place, we recommend you don't do it at all.

### Me And Mrs Jones

Hi Nich and Channy! Just wanted to say that my fave bit of your magazine is the J17 Selecta on the music page – it helps me and my brothers decide which singles to buy every month. We blast them out so loud that the neighbours are pretty familiar with your Selecta choice, too! In fact Mrs Jones (the old biddy) told my mum that it livens up the street no end. So keep up the good work guys!

PS My brother Edward fancies Nich, so can you say a special 'Hi!' to him?

**Eleonora, Derby**

You'd think that working here, meeting celebs and going to swanky parties would make a gal happy Eleonora, but you'd be wrong. Our Nich hasn't wiped the grin off her face since she heard



of her admirer! She says hi to Ed and thanks for making her month! Not only that, but she's chuffed her J17 Selecta is livening up your street. Best say hi to Mrs Jones for her too!

### Richard The Great

My name is Hayley Turnbull and I would like to tell everyone that I love Richard Peel. We've been going out for just over a year. He always flicks through my mag and reads your letters page cos it makes him laugh. Thanks for being my boy!

**Hayley, Northumberland**

Wow, Hayley, you sound like a girl who's got it bad! Although we were kinda grossed out imagining you both snuggled

up together and laughing out loud when reading our humble postbag of delights, we do now admit that it's actually rather cute. As Jerry Springer would say, take care of yourselves and each other!

### Feed The Bird

I would just like to thank you for showing that awful picture of Pamela Anderson

- Family get-togethers** – doing the conga with your nan just ain't glam.
- Turkey** – save us from turkey curry hell!
- Xmas TV** – bring on the DVDs – pleeeeeease!
- Brussel sprouts** – they taste as bad as they smell.



in the December issue. Recently I have been really down about my weight and have been making myself sick. But showing me that picture of Pamela Anderson has put me off wanting to be skinny – I reckon she needs more than just a sarnie to sort herself out!

**Belinda, via e-mail**

You're damn right she does Belinda – a ten-course meal, a good winter coat and a new hairdresser would be a start. But the important thing is that Pam has made you see sense. There's no point striving to look like people who rely on cosmetic surgery and crazy diets to transform their bods. Be happy and healthy with what you've got, cos it's bound to be a lot more than stick-thin Pammy.

## Fright Night Winner!

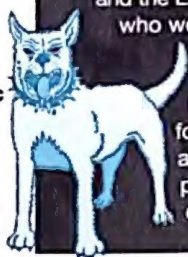
Last November we set a competition to write a scary story in no more than 250 words. We're pleased to announce that the lucky winner is 17-year-old Rachel Cleary from Wales who receives £100 to spend in WHSmith. Enjoy!

31 Oct 2002: Susie Seventeen and her cat, Stan, are investigating the mystery of Hauntingdon Hall. They're not scared of some dumb ghost story so they sleep in Elizabeth's room, hoping to find out what happened.

Susie was doing her nails when she heard the chanting of small children: "Who let the dogs out? Who let the dogs out?" Weird!

Susie went to investigate. After passing a small coffin with a plaque on top dedicated to 'Hellraiser the hound' in the dining room, she and Stan followed the freaky tune, and as she moved closer, she stepped onto a magic cobweb that led to a secret passage. Next thing she knew, she tripped over a spell book – which turned out to be an old issue of J17! Wicked!

The door to the basement spookily opened and Susie came face to face with Lizzie Victorian and the Earl of Gothsborough who were partying on down. See, back in 1666 Elizabeth had discovered a forever-young potion and had been partying with her date all these years!



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### Msgs from u

FRIENDS ARE LIKE STARS.. YOU DONT ALWAYS SEE THEM BUT YOU KNOW THEY'RE STILL THERE

A BIT OF BLACK TARMAC WALKS IN 2 A BAR FOLLOWED BY A BIT OF RED TARMAC. THE BLACK TARMAC SEZ 2 THE LANDLORD, DONT SERVE HIM HE'S A CYCLEPATH! =D ALICE

BOYZ R LIKE NEW SHOES. AT FIRST U REALLY WAN' EM BUT EVENTUALLY EITHER U GROW OUT OF EM OR U WEAR EM OUT LUU YA J17 LUU KEZ XXX

DJA HEAR BOUT DA VAMPIRE RACE? DEY FNISHD NCH N NCH! FROM JEN IN IRL!

HEY J17. WOTS THE DEFINITION OF STUPID? 2 BALD MEN FIGHTING OVA A COMB. THANK 4 DA WKD MAG :)

HOWZ A LAD LIKE AN OLD BRAP? THEY HANG ROUND BOOBS AL DAY N GIU U NO SUPORT! FRM HATE

I KNOW A BLOND GIRL THAT TRIPT OVA A CORDLESS PHONE WIRE! LUV BEE X

I WANTED 2 SEND U SOMETHING

BEAUTIFUL BUT THE POSTMAN TOLD ME 2 GET OUT THE LETTERBOX! LOZ X

IF PIGS COULD FLY THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM WOULD BE AN AIRPORT!

WAS CHRISTINA AGUILERA SINGING FOR MOULIN ROUGE OR THE ROCKY

HORROR PICTURE SHOW? :-P

WOT HAPPENS WHEN IT RAINS CATS N DOGS? U STEP IN A POODLE. KIRSTY X

GOT A PICCIE REQUEST FOR YOUR FAVE MAG? DONT SIT ON IT, TXT US 2DAY AND LET US WORK OUR POSTER MAGIC!

### Txt vote

Last month we asked if racial harmony in the UK has been hit by the attacks on the US. You said...

Yes 48%

No 52%

### This month:

After Victoria Beckham's recent dismal chart performance, has the Spice bubble finally burst? Yes: Ay'a

No: Dn'a

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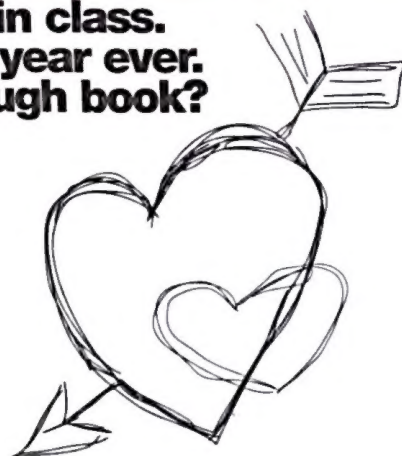
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I wish, I wish...

**...for a celeb boy all of my own to sit next to in class.  
These lads are going to make 2002 the best year ever.  
Whose name will you be doodling on your rough book?**







**Name:** Blue  
**Job:** The golden boys of pop

"Only my hairstyle has changed since we last met J17," says Antony Costa. Yeah, and the rest! When J17 first hooked up with Antony, 20, Lee Ryan, 18, Duncan James, 22, and Simon Webbe, 22 last May, they were fresh-faced unknowns about to unleash their first single, *All Rise*, on the pop world. Seven months down the line and Blue are one of pop's hottest assets.

"We never expected this," says the blond, blue-eyed Lee. "We've been lucky and just enjoy each day." Lucky maybe, but it's taken more than that to be accepted as a credible boy band. "Boy bands are labelled as cheesy but we didn't want that," admits Simon. "From the beginning we wanted to be quality." Thanks to their dazzling live performances and impressive debut album, *All Rise*, Blue have had little trouble proving that to the critics.

That unmistakable pop star air surrounds the boys now (they're more confident and cheekier), but it's a small price to pay for success. "We're still very laid-back," insists Duncan, who confesses that most of his fan mail comes from mums! "We know we're not going to be around forever," says Lee, when asked about the band's future. "We'd like to, but I'd say give us four or five years." Let's enjoy them while we can. **NB**

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**Name:** Eminem  
**Job:** The misunderstood  
rap genius

If you believe in horoscopes, then Marshall Mathers' star sign will come as no surprise; the world's most controversial rapper is a Libran, who are known to be talented, charming and – surprise surprise – schizophrenic.

Following a year plagued by arrests, divorce proceedings and bad press, Eminem, 28, admits life now is "calmer". But that mouth still keeps courting trouble. "I speak my mind," smiles Em, who lives with his daughter and their cat, Tigger. "It just happens that his mind is the X-rated kind. You don't want kids going, 'F\*\*k,'" he says. "But remember how much fun cursing was when you were young? It's just words."

In keeping with his cool personality, Marshall is a man of contradictions, juggling a millionaire superstar's perks with his ghetto roots. "It's impossible for me to do regular things, like playing basketball in my favourite park, without the people I used to hang with asking for autographs," sighs Detroit's biggest export. Not that he lets it get him down. "I just gotta build a basketball court in the backyard!" That's our kind of guy! **MB**

EMINEM  


**"I don't hate women. Just the ones I've met so far. I don't know if I could trust someone in a serious relationship"**







**Name:** Josh Hartnett  
**Job:** Hollywood's big player

"I thought I would go to Hollywood, make a million bucks, move to Paris and paint," says Josh, 23. "But it's the big game that never ends."

Being on the brink of becoming a fully-fledged player must be a struggle then: after all, only the talented survive the slating that *Pearl Harbor* got. "I don't want to be a pillar," he says, shunning the Hollywood high life. "I want to be on the outside hitting it with a hammer."

This refreshing attitude fits the image Josh has built up since getting kicked out of theatre school for arguing against the rules. But with two new films on the way - *O*, a modern take on Shakespeare's tragic love story *Othello*, and romantic comedy *40 Days And 40 Nights* - can it remain intact? "Fame is not something I seek. I don't get angry but I don't enjoy it either," he says firmly.

With Josh's low-key and modest demeanor complete with an irresistible edge, it's why Kirsten Dunst remarks: "Josh is a bad boy. When I go to with him you know it's dangerous, but he makes you feel safe." We like *KM*.

**"I work out maybe once a year. I prefer to paint and listen to jazz. I think I'm Bohemian"**

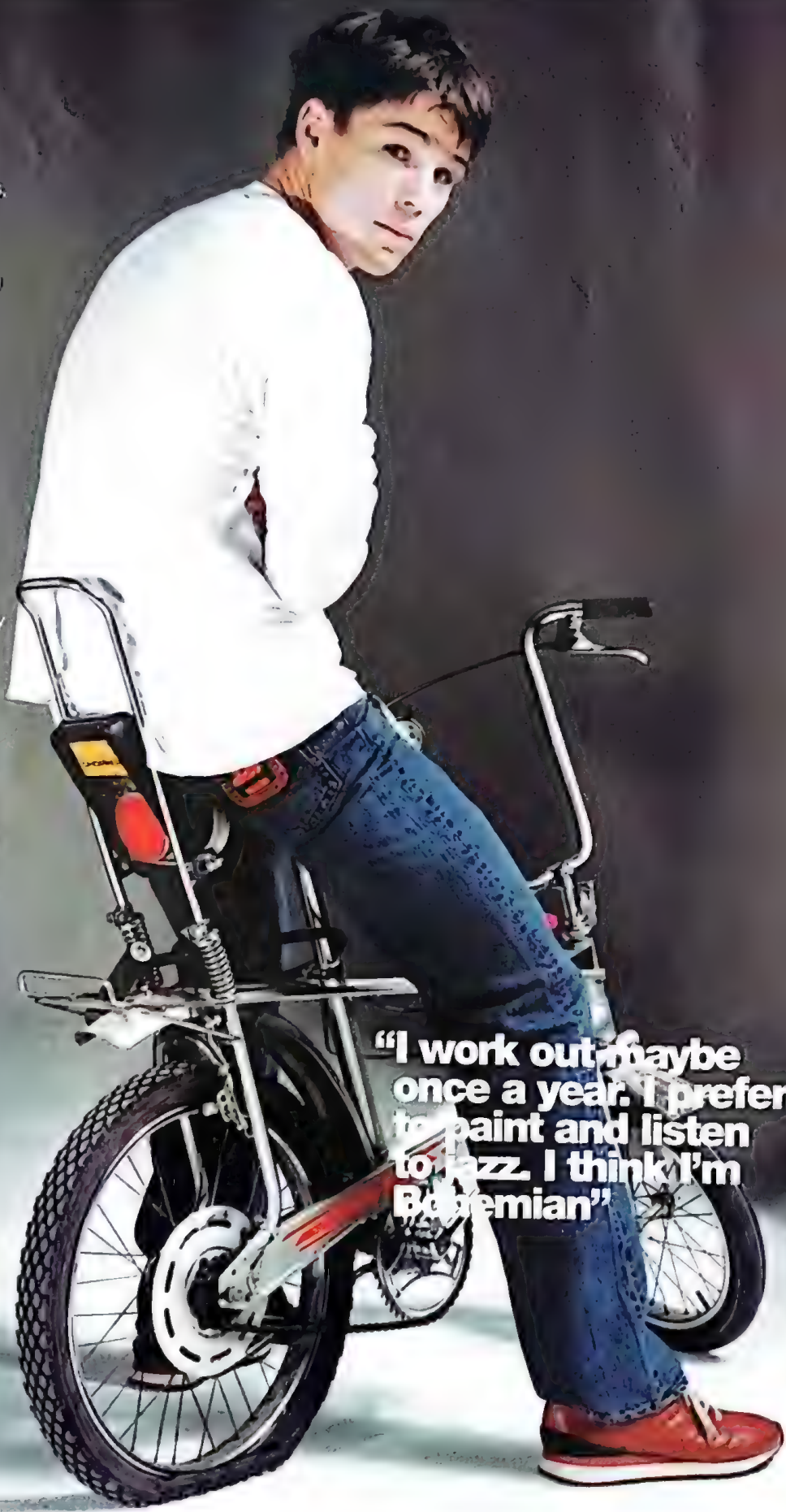






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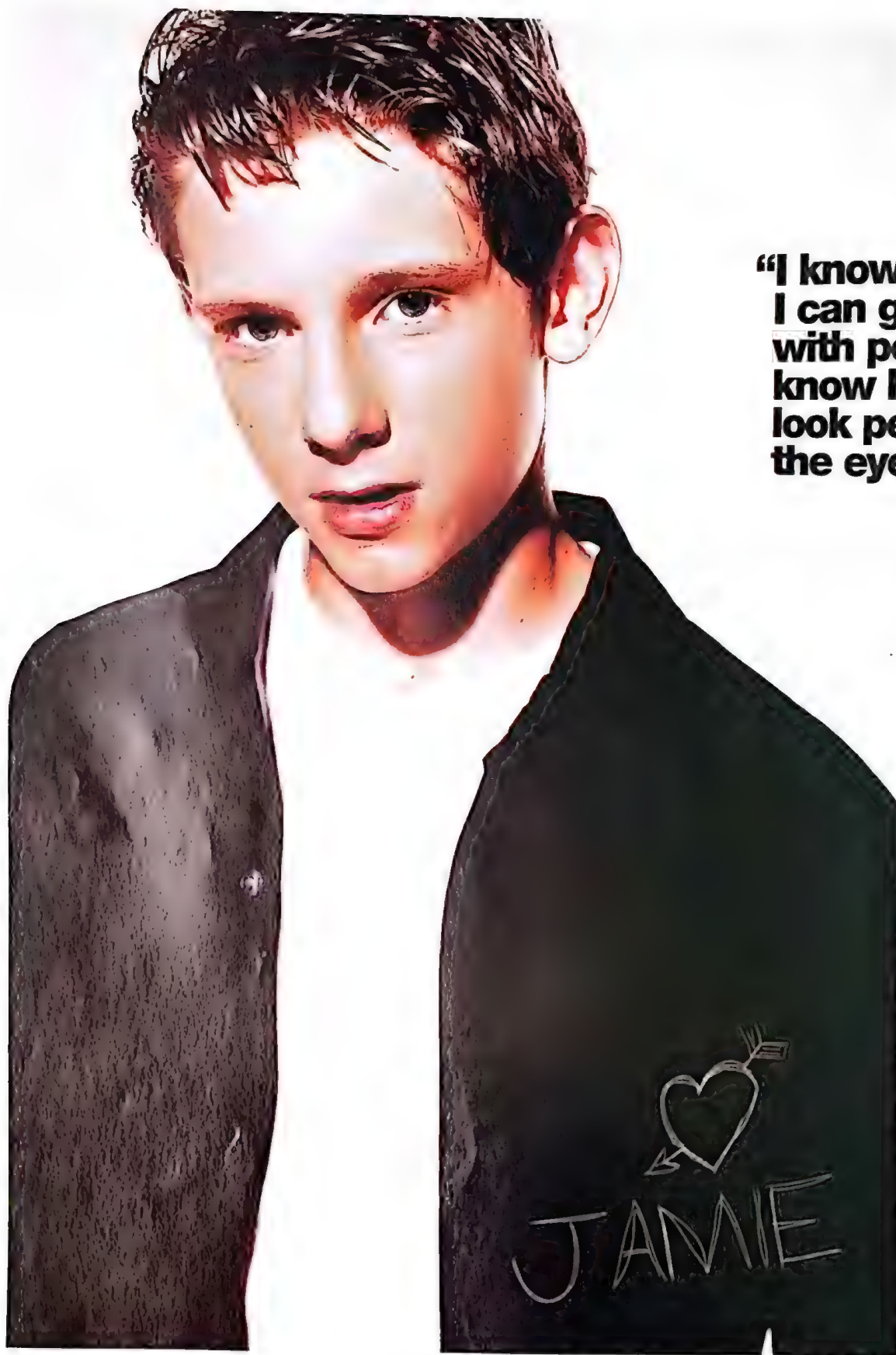
**Name:** Jack Ryder  
**Job:** Saucy soap star

"I always thought I could do something big," says *EastEnders* boy wonder Jack Ryder, 20. Then adds with *that* smile, *those* eyes: "I just thought I'd have to wait until I was at least 40!" Just goes to show: back in 1998 the south Londoner, then

17, had no clue he'd spark a riot in the role of Jamie Mitchell. "I was shocked, so I didn't jump for joy. All I could think was, 'My whole life is going to change,'" admits the student whose only acting experience was GCSE drama. Life is indeed pretty different now. There are his devoted worshippers – "If they don't

shout, they stare" – not to mention his pop star girlfriend, Kym 'Hear'Say' Marsh: they moved in together last November. But Jack remains a tantalisingly private person, minus any of the airs and graces that ruin too many other natural talents. "I like my life to stay as normal as it's always been," he says. Meaty storylines, roll on. **KM**





**"I know now that I can get along with people. I know how to look people in the eye"**

**Name:** Jamie Bell  
**Job:** Movie-land's most famous ballerina boy

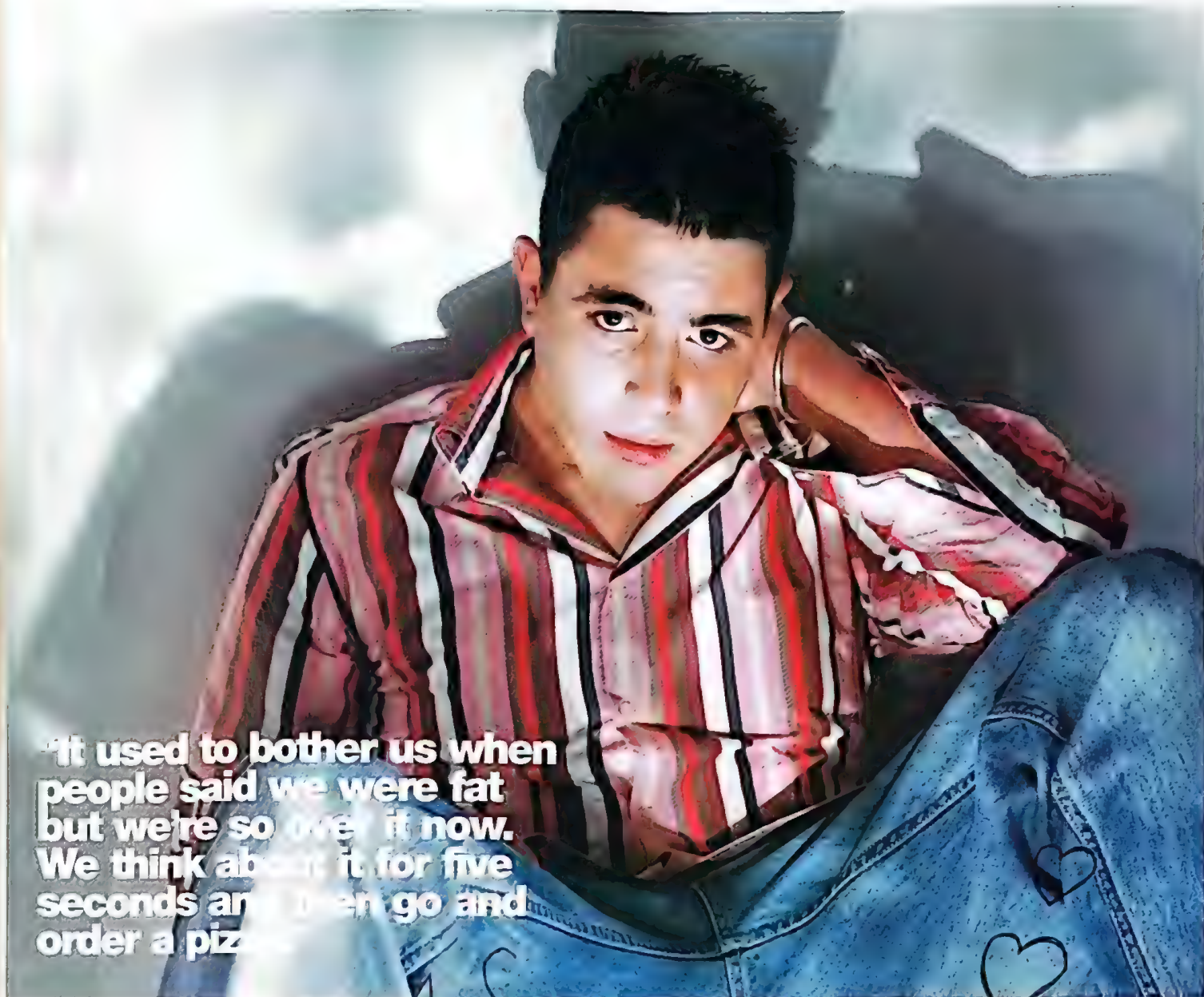
"Love him? Who doesn't!" gushes a girl at Jamie Bell's comprehensive in Billingham when asked about going to school with a film star. She's just one of millions who fell for the boy who gave us goose bumps all over in hit flick *Billy Elliot*.

It was one of the British film industry's biggest earners and led to Jamie picking up a BAFTA (for the Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role) and earning himself some famous fans, including *Gladiator*'s Russell Crowe.

"Now I'm an arrogant bastard, who always wants his own way," smirks the 15-year-old, three years on. But he insists he still does the washing-up!

Mention the phrase One Hit Wonder and it doesn't get his tutu in a twist. Despite mega-buck Hollywood offers, he's kept his head and his original promise to go back to school. "Exams are important," shrugs Jamie, who is due to take his GCSEs next year. But he's still focused on what he does best and has just finished shooting a new flick, war movie *Death Watch*. *Billy Elliot*? Clearly the warm-up act. **KM**





"It used to bother us when people said we were fat but we're so over it now. We think about it for five seconds and then go and order a pizza."



**Name:** Noel Sullivan  
**Job:** Pop's friendliest pin-up

Being a member of a bona fide pop group is taking Hear'Say's Noel Sullivan some getting used to. "I'm still trying to get my head round it," he says, sounding as stunned as he did when Nigel picked him on national TV.

Pop stardom might have turned his world upside down, but Cardiff's most famous 21-year-old insists he's still the cheeky, unassuming lad he was nine months ago. "I'm more independent but I haven't changed my lifestyle," he admits.

Noel's laid-back attitude also extends to his pin-up status, which he finds hilarious. "Being told you're a sex symbol is embarrassing but I do try to groom myself more than I used to," he laughs.

As for Hear'Say's future? "People expected us to fizzle out after the first single," says Noel. "They're waiting for us to fall, but we're going to keep on until people don't want us anymore."

With Noel as their resident hottie, we reckon there'll be no need to clear a space in the pop-dumpster just yet. **NB**







LINKIN PARK

**Name:** Linkin Park  
**Job:** Nu-metal's Mr Nice Guys

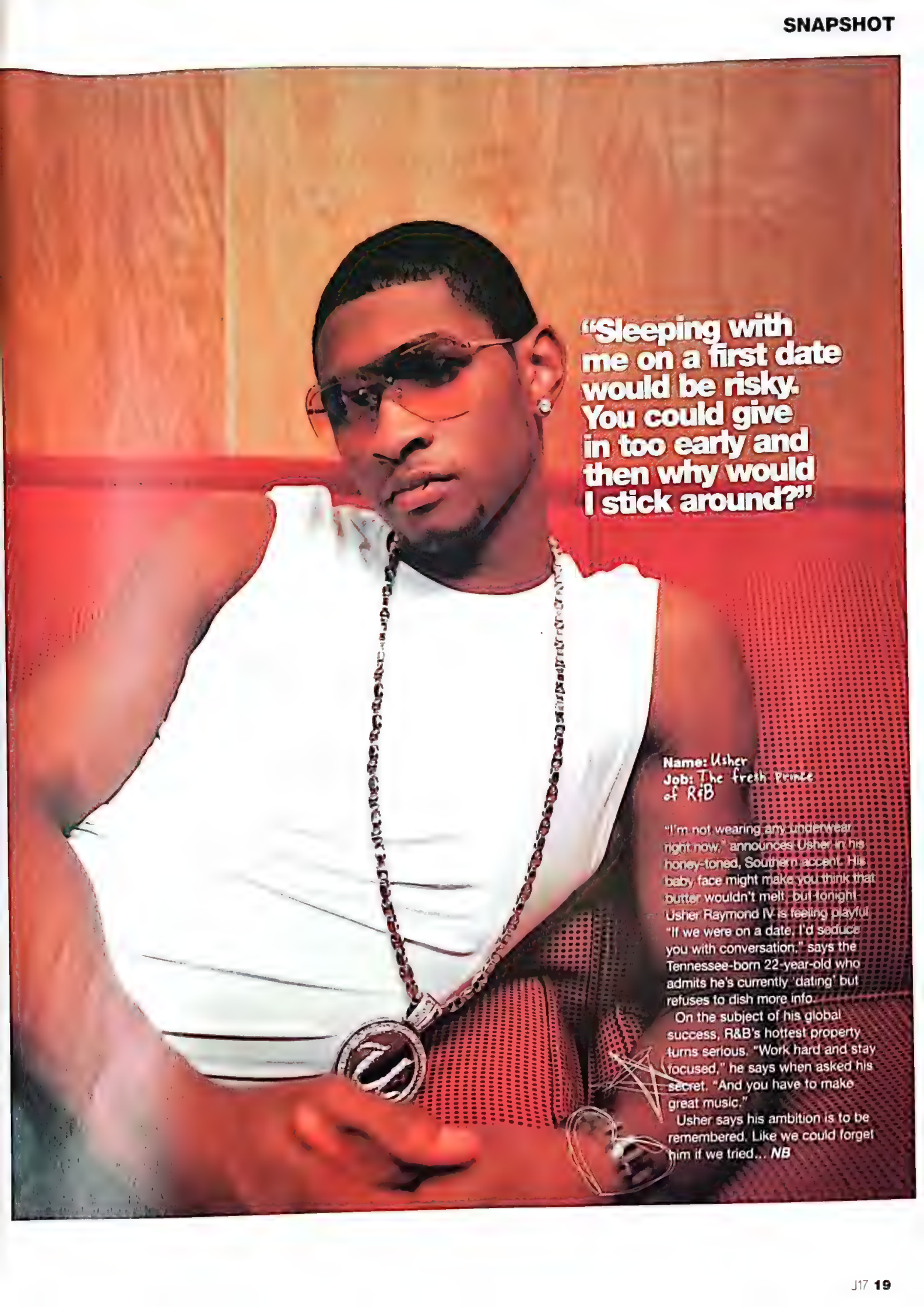
2001 belonged to nu-metal and no one knows that better than South California's Linkin Park. "It's been the most exciting year," enthuses vocalist and front man Chester Bennington, 24. "Seeing our fans sing our lyrics is beyond words."

Chester and band mates Mike Shinoda (rapper), Brad Delson (guitar), David 'Phoenix' Farrell (bass), Rob Bourdon (drums) and Joseph Hahn (decks) aren't your average rock stars. *Hybrid Theory*, their 4.5 million-selling debut album, doesn't contain a single

swear word and Linkin are the kind of clean-living, well-behaved boys your mum would be thrilled to meet. "We're best friends and we never fight," says Rob, the baby of the band at 21.

Linkin Park reckon the secret of their success is down to their fans. "Ever since the beginning, we've tried to maintain a strong relationship with our fans," admits Rob, explaining why they sign hundreds of autographs at every show. "It's a way of giving back," adds Mike, 23. "Our fans have helped us realise a dream we didn't know was possible." It couldn't happen to a nicer band! **NB**





**"Sleeping with me on a first date would be risky. You could give in too early and then why would I stick around?"**

**Name:** Usher  
**Job:** The fresh prince of R&B

"I'm not wearing any underwear right now," announces Usher in his honey-toned, Southern accent. His baby face might make you think that butter wouldn't melt, but tonight Usher Raymond IV is feeling playful. "If we were on a date, I'd seduce you with conversation," says the Tennessee-born 22-year-old who admits he's currently 'dating' but refuses to dish more info.

On the subject of his global success, R&B's hottest property turns serious. "Work hard and stay focused," he says when asked his secret. "And you have to make great music."

Usher says his ambition is to be remembered. Like we could forget him if we tried... **NB**





**Name:** Starsailor  
**Job:** Britain's best new band

As good years go, Starsailor certainly didn't pull the short straw in 2001. After the release of their first single, *Fever*, last February, James Walsh (vocals, guitar), James Stelfox (bass), Ben Byrne (drums) and Barry Westhead (keyboards) were hailed as the 'best new band in Britain'. Pretty daunting for four shy, down-to-earth lads from Lancashire.

Describing their sound as intense and emotional, Starsailor aren't surprised by how easily they've connected to people. "Our songs are honest and modest," says cute front man James, 21, whose beautiful voice has to be heard live to be believed. "We're saying that we're just as worried, questioning and stupid as you are and we're sympathetic to your cause."

Life has changed dramatically since James met childhood friends Stel and Ben at music college in 1996, but despite the music world

bowing at their feet – the band recently won Q's 'Best Newcomers' award – Starsailor are resisting the temptations of indie stardom. "Performing live is the best thing fame brings," confesses Stel, 25. "And we'd rather be down our local pub than in the Met Bar."

In fact, all the boys want is for the world to know one thing: "We're social misfits," grins James mischievously. "But we're trying our best!" That's good enough for us! **NB**



Left: Star, Barry, James, Ben



**"I go to bed, look down at my gut and sleep easy knowing I'm not a weird freak of a poster boy." James**







## VERNON

**Name:** Vernon Kay  
**Job:** The funniest lad on TV

"Here for a good time, not a long time." This is 27-year-old Vernon's bold motto – and he lives by it. The happy-go-lucky cheeky chappy with the Liam haircut who mucks around like a mischievous pup on *T4* is clearly enjoying life. "I can't sit down for more than ten minutes," he explains of the boundless energy he obviously has, despite the early wake-up calls.

What's more impressive though is having the nerve to step into the Sunday morning shoes of *T4* god Dermot O'Leary and then have the cheek to make live TV look so laid-back. "It's always a really good buzz because anything can happen and you don't get a second chance," says no-fear Vern.

Look back and this upfront northern lad's past proves to be as unpretentious as his presenting. First he was a cleaner, then a forklift truck driver. "Some of the roughest characters worked there – they were like dropouts. I had the time of my life because everyone was mad!" Makes interviewing the stars look like a piece of cake! **KM**





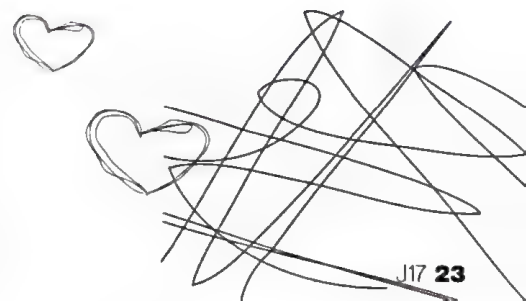
Photos Chris Sims



**Name:** Blink 182  
**Job:** Punk-pop's reigning champs

"Touring is the best time for this band. It's why we started and it's what we love doing," says Blink 182's bassist Mark Hoppus, 29. Although fans won't want Blink to mention the T word, having postponed their November visit, Mark, Tom Delonge and Travis Barker aren't planning to stay away too long. "I can't wait to

come back," says drummer Travis, 26, who recently got married. (All three of them are hitched. Sigh!) With last summer's release of their fifth album, *Take Off Your Pants And Jacket*, Blink 182 are quick to point out there's more to them than pee, poop and boob-obsessed jokes. "We're the opposite to how we're thought of," shrugs guitarist Tom, 26, who says he wishes his band mates were wilder. Off-stage antics aside, we'd settle for the plugged-in Blink any day... **NB**





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# Seeing stars

8 pages of the gossip, the whole gossip and nothing but the gossip

## MTV's Christmas Party

The best of 2001's music on your TV

If you missed MTV's Europe Music Awards last month, then fret not. The Best Of MTV Week kicks off on Christmas Day, screening must-see highlights of the year in music. Catch the Europe Awards at 8pm on 25th, the Movie Awards at 8pm on 27th and Pop's Five Night Stand at 6pm on 30th. Beats playing Trivial Pursuit, eh?



The rappers drop their no-smiling, no flesh-bearing rule to help boost their record sales



One reason 'Best Newcomer' Diddy forgot to say thank you to was Eminem

Freddie Mercury goes to grips with his new role



Only hoped that the skull would take the attention away from his body hair



Christina Aguilera messes up to her former and former one and the same



All 3 tries to escape Eminem's attention while the walking dead clapped



## Teen Dreams

**Mandy looks dandy – but as for the others...**

Mandy Moore (right) dumped her Barbie-doll look for a sophisticated style to host US mag *Teen People*'s third annual 'What's Next' party in New York. Honouring the best new talent around, we hear home-grown two-stepper Craig David caused the night's biggest splash. Bo!



Kells does the air hostess look.  
Necktie: check.  
Bad roots: check.  
Frizz: check

I hate my hairdresser so much right now!



Oh, be snug if you look this good!



Her songs might be in A minor but Mandy's dress sense gets a D!

## Major Mess To Pop Princess

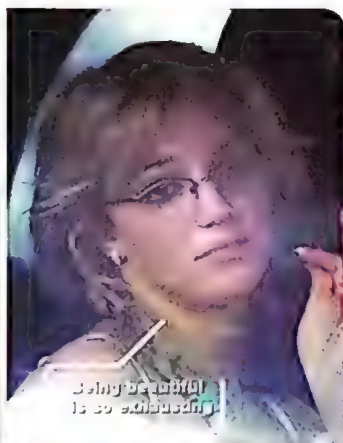
There's only one thing on a girl's mind when it's the day of her album launch party – nails! A make-up free, spectacled Britney took herself off for a manicure – and what a difference a pampering sesh makes! Still the girl had a lot to be happy about. Brit was celebrating being the first female ever to have all albums debut at No 1 in America's Billboard charts.



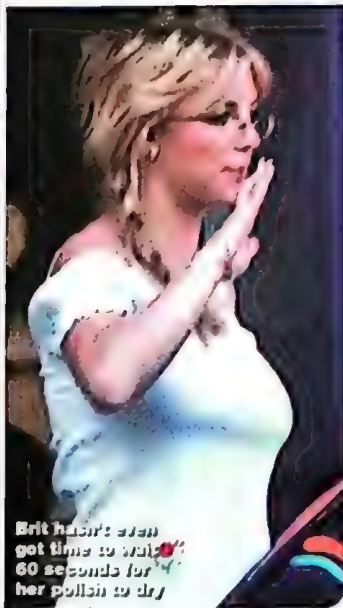
Isn't she lucky?  
Brit scrubs up well!

You're my number one, baby!

You should have seen me earlier!



Being beautiful is so embarrassing!



Brit hasn't even got time to wait 60 seconds for her pollen to dry

## Fly on the wall

**Who we've spotted this month!**

- Our Kitty was followed (yeah, right) round Camden market by **James Redmond**. He was looking at second-hand jeans on his own. He was very tall ("I was shocked!") and well cute...
- Our Nich got to share a cab with **Starsailor** when she interviewed them in Sheffield. "Mine and **James Walsh**'s knees touched!" she said dreamily when she got back to Teen Towers.
- Annie nearly trod on **HRH Sophie (Rhys Jones) Windsor** trying to escape the crowds after a preview screening of *Harry Potter*. All that dosh and she still looked like "someone's granny in a bad wig".
- **Andrew WK**'s band obviously don't lead the limo life. Channy saw them after their London gig packing all their equipment into a beige Fiesta. Rock on!

## Barometer

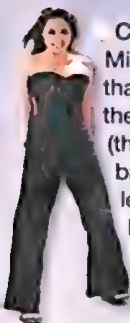
Your checklist for the month ahead

- Party daze:** Chrissie Eve, Chrissie Day, New Year's Eve – not that we need an excuse get glam and get hold of some cutie.
- Blinkin' great:** Blink 182 hit Blighty to play their re-scheduled tour dates.
- Sale Seduction:** New Year sales are our kind of shopping.
- Festive Food Fever:** 'Tis the season to stuff as much nice grub as you can.
- Eevil TV:** *Big Bro*'s Brian – the one who hasn't sold his soul to the tabloids – is due to launch his own TV show this month. The jury is still out...
- Em 'n' Kim:** Nah, not that Kim – wrinkly Kim Basinger. The 47-year-old actress who plays his mum in his film has been seen smooching with Marshall between takes. Get real Slim – she's not your laydee!



# UK news

Delees, we've got their number



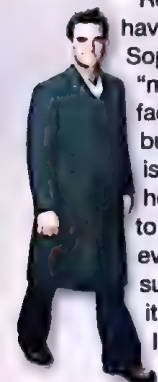
Certain stars, like Posh and Michael Jackson, demand that shops are cleared of the bothersome public (that's us, BTW) so they can browse in private. Other less A-list types – Myleene Klass, for instance – don't even have enough clout to queue-barge. The Hear'Say poplet pulled the "Don't you know who I aaaaam" line at M&S in Covent Garden, but the check-out attendant wasn't having any of it.

Covent Garden is obviously the place for celebrity shopping. Kylie Minogue, Donna Air, Cat Deeley and all of Atomic Kitten have been spotted in sexy make-up boutique Pout.

Kate Winslet's *A Christmas Carol* has impressed music maestro Andrew Lloyd Webber so much that he wants to cast Kate in the movie version of his theatre hit *Phantom Of The Opera*.

Lee Ryan from *Blue* used to have a crush on former *Big Brekkie* turned *Saturday Show* presenter Dani Behr. "When I was younger I used to go down to *The Big Breakfast* all the time just to see Dani," he admits. "One time, I even got her to sign my forehead."

Robbie Williams might have claimed recently that Sophie Ellis Bextor has "my nan's ankles and a face like a satellite dish", but the girl in question is more than happy with her face shape. "I used to really hate my jaw; I even thought of plastic surgery. But I really like it now because it's not like anyone else's." So there, Mr Williams!



## They're back!

Just when you thought it was safe to go out, those denim-clad dancing girls B\*Witched are back in town

After a year shunning the limelight while they set up Denim World™ (an all-River Dancing fun factory) two witches, Edele and Lindsay, were spotted last month at a

Hollyoaks party. They still look the same (wearing denim) but do they still sound the same? We'll find out in the new year when the girls are releasing a new track. Oh goody!



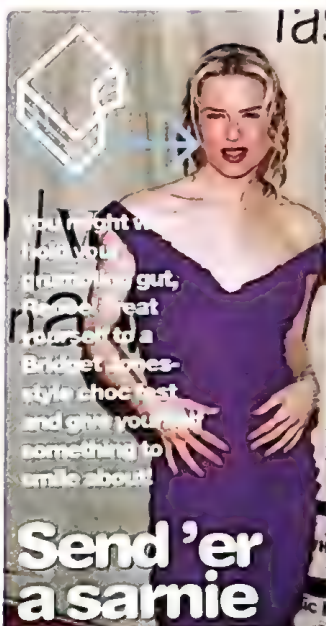
Their name's not down and they're not coming in...



## Shut it! Gobby celebs get gagged

"I'm so proud and honoured to be chosen from heaven to be invincible."

And you try to tell us you're not Wacko, Jacko? Believe what you like, Mikey, but we recommend you still avoid direct sunlight at all times.



You might think you're a grumpy gut, but eat yourself to a Britney Jones-style choc fest and give yourself something to smile about!

Send'er a sarnie



Could Tracy Shaw be any spicier? We ask her agent if she wants to follow up her salsa video with a red hot and saucy ad campaign...

Agent: Hello?

J17: Hello, I'm calling from Brighter PR regarding Tracy Shaw and our new clients called Hot Stuff. It's a fat-free, full-tasting dip. I just saw Tracy's new salsa video and thought because the salsa dip is very hot, very saucy and very healthy, she'd be the perfect face for Hot Stuff sauce.

Agent: Erm – a sauce for what?

J17: It's a salsa dip.

Does Tracy like them?

Agent: I'm not sure, she doesn't really eat snacks.

J17: We've got a tag line: Hot Stuff – it makes your tongue tingle.

Agent: That's nice but you'd better send me a fax with the proposal.

J17: Do you think it's something Tracy might be interested in?

Agent: [getting annoyed] Possibly. I'll have to have a look at it.

J17: That's great, thanks.







Thora does her glad rags only to be outdone by a console!



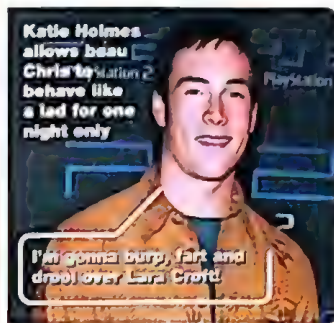
Dude, where's my free PlayStation 2?

Is that a joystick in your pocket Sean or are you just pleased to see us?

## Plug in, baby!

Let the games begin!

To celebrate their first anniversary, the peeps behind PlayStation 2 invited video game-lovin' celebs to a special thumb-fest at the swanky St Regis Hotel in Los Angeles. A skinny Thora Birch showed off her *Tekken* skills while Chris Klein and Seann William Scott battled it out in *Gran Turismo*. Justin Timberlake, P Diddy, Snoop Dogg and Broadway's latest newcomer, Jason Biggs, were also among the players. Forget hangovers – blisters were LA's hottest accessory!



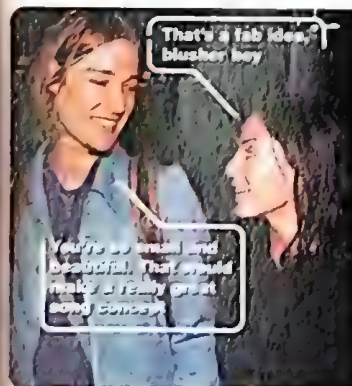
Katie Holmes allows beau Chris to behave like a lad for one night only

I'm gonna burp, fart and drool over Lara Croft!

## That day in Natalie Imbruglia's life

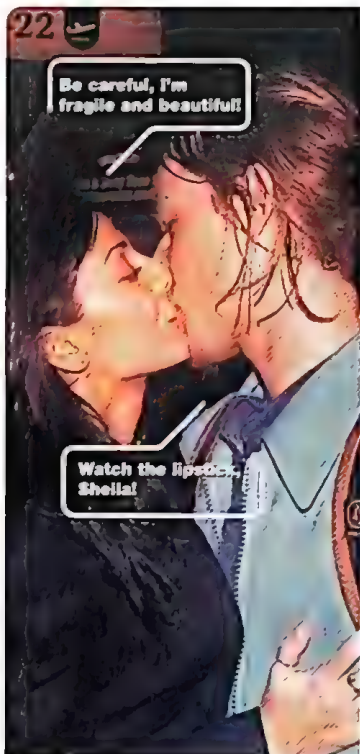
She's been moaning big time recently about how she hates being single (get over it!), but hopefully she'll shut up, now she's been reunited with an old flame...

She's had a string of gorge celeb boyfriends, including David Schwimmer and Lenny Kravitz, but beau Aussie singer Natalie has made no secret of her recent hellish existence as a, gulp, singleton. As luck would have it, she bumped into ex-squeeze, Silverchair rocker Daniel Johns, at an awards ceremony recently and the pair have got cosy again. Maybe now she'll stop moaning!



That's a fab idea, blusher boy

You're so small and beautiful, that would make a really great song concept



Be careful, I'm fragile and beautiful!

Watch the lipstick, Shell!



Compose yourself, and we're cool indie rockers

## Party people

The stars step out in style

Hollywood's hottest music and film stars got glammed up for last month's VH1/Vogue fashion awards. Destiny's Child won the award for Outrageous Group, Gwen Stefani bagged a gong for her Rock Style and we reckon Macy Gray's comedy look took some beating!



Outrageous, us?

Destiny's Child forget their gong for crazy clothes



She might look rock, but we're not totally convinced about her style



Is it a party or a clown? Well, just that funky Macy chick...



# US news

The latest on Stateside happenings

■ The latest Ludicrous Celebrity Behaviour Award goes to Queen Madge who's hired a personal fashion designer for her daughter Lourdes, aged FOUR! Thankfully, not all celebs are vainer than peacocks. Divine *Pearl Harbor* star Josh Hartnett (below left) drives his entourage crazy because he cuts his own hair (and not very well at that). Apparently he hates sitting in a barber's chair for even a milli-second.



The ever-classy Master Durst

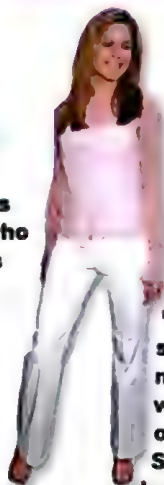
■ Poplet-turned-actress Mandy Moore (right), who hits the big screen this month in *The Princess Diaries*, might like to know that her boyfriend, Wilmer Valderrama of *That 70's Show*, has been getting pelvic with other chicks. Luckily, he was at LA's Deep club, and was strutting his stuff on the dance floor. And he did trot off home alone.

■ Anyone think that the Bizkit's Fred Durst (left) is a beer-guzzlin', road-rippin' hard ass? Well he can be classy when he wants to. He and his posse hit Hollywood's swanky Las Palmas club recently and swigged bottles of very pricey Cristal champagne. The tipsy Master Durst left without tipping the waitress, but rang 24 hours later to

apologise and offer her a phat tip on his credit card. What a gent!

■ You've got to love 'N Sync's JC for his shameless honesty. The multi-millionaire claims he wears socks and underwear once and then bins 'em! Seems a bit wasteful to us, but as he's the only member of the band who's single, we're prepared to overlook a little foible like being too darn rich for his own good.

■ They don't call it the CATwalk for nothing. At a recent screening of Mariah Carey's new flick, *Glitter*, model-turned-actress Tyra Banks was heard dissing the movie big time, ranting about how the singer was in dire need of acting lessons. And this from the girl whose role in *Coyote Ugly* consisted of bar-dancing and one line of dialogue!



Mariah survives her recent clawing by a v catty Tyra Banks

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FRED DURST



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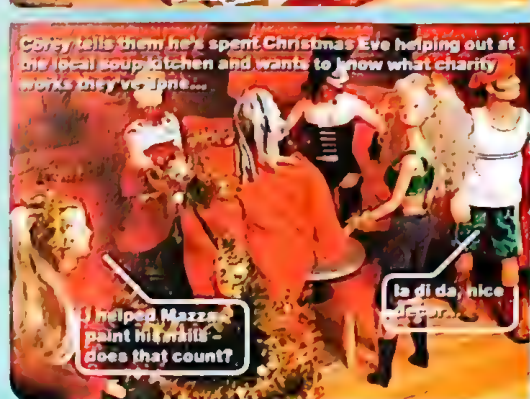
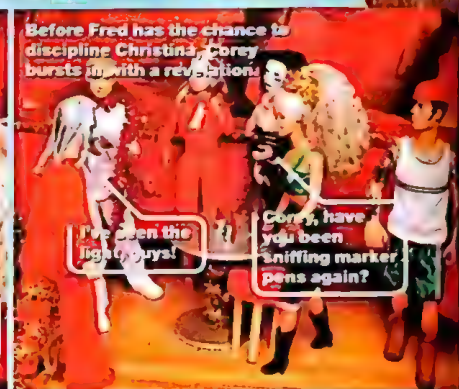
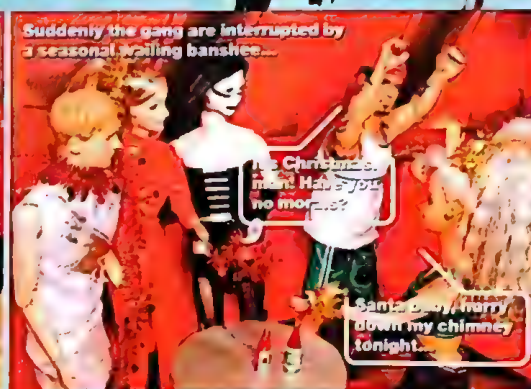
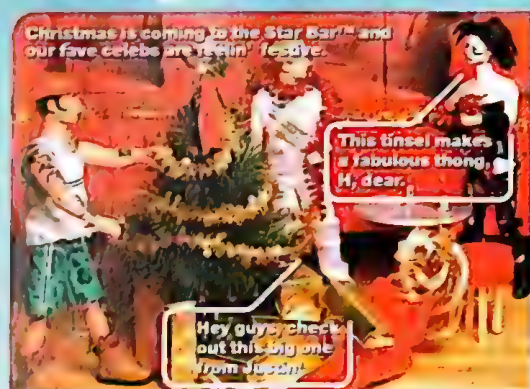
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Girl power rules in *Josie And The Pussycats* - there are five DVDs from MGM Home Entertainment to be won.

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Wonder what it's like to manage a pop band? Then you'll love PlayStation's game, *Popstar Maker*. There are five up for grabs, plus five record bags.



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Party the night away to the top club anthems with *Kiss' Hitlist* album. There are 15 copies on offer.



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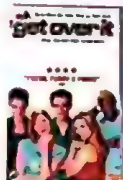
Perfect for all these chilled evenings with your lad - there are ten *Pure R&B 4* CDs up for grabs.



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Take some time out and chill with a copy of *Get Over It*, starring Kirsten Dunst. There are DVDs and CD soundtracks of the film for five lucky winners!



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Rimmel's *Hide The Blemish* is just the job for covering up any nasty-looking spots - we've got 80 to give away.



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Gotta sweet tooth? Then don't miss your chance to win one of six boxes of *Crazy Dips* - simply dip the lollipop into the dust and let it crackle away in your mouth!



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Featuring a host of massive party tracks, *Cream Anthems 2002* is a must for your collection! There are ten up for grabs.



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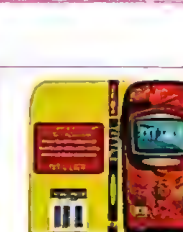
Croon along to your fave tunes with one of ten *Ultimate Karaoke Chart Videos* from Avid Entertainment. [www.avid-group.co.uk](http://www.avid-group.co.uk)



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Just check your make-up - and go! An essential item in any girl's bag, we've got ten Suzy Smith mirrors (which come in three colours) to give away.



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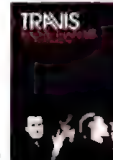
Now Phats what we call music! There are five signed CDs and photos on offer from funky DJs Phats and Small.



Text: TXT MIS-TEEQ

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Travis fans won't want to miss out on their chance to win a copy of *More Than Us - Live In Glasgow*. There are five DVDs and videos waiting for you.



Text: TXT SING

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Be like Madonna or Britney and win your own personalised gold disc! We've got two to give away. Visit [www.golddisc.co.uk](http://www.golddisc.co.uk) for more info.



Text: TXT TALK

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You're in the army now - or you could be with one of these cool military-style bags from Dolcis. There are ten up for grabs.



Text: TXT MIRROR

8

Can't be bothered to go out? Then chill with the cool comedy, *Cats And Dogs*. There are five DVDs or videos to be won.



Text: TXT PHATS

9

Bath-time will be ultra relaxing with this *Party Popper* set from Eyeko. It contains a sweet-smelling candle and bath treats. There are ten to take away.



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He won't be able to resist you when you show off this gorgeous lip colour! There are 80 Rimmel lipsticks up for grabs.



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## Trend02

### Hippy, hippy shake

It might be brass monkeys outside but according to top designer Anna Molinari at Blumarine, it's cooler to waft around in a hippy haze than a wintry get-up. All you need are a few French plaits in the front of your hair and some star stickers, £1 from **Paperchase**, around your eyes. Complete the look with glossy lips, a big rose and a floppy hat. Red puffed-sleeve top £40 from **Topshop**. Rose £6.99 from **Accessorize**

Your Most Wanted... Molly, 13 from Blackpool wants a lip colour FClips £5.50 from French Connection...Karen, 15 from Kent wants an



# Twentyfourseven

The information style highway...



We've gone scenty-mental over this new limited-edition perfume, **FCUK Jeans**, £20 from **French Connection**. Not only does it have a wonderfully exotic, warm whiff but it comes in a cool denim rhinestone-studded purse that doubles up as a mini make-up bag. Pure jeans!

## Stamp of approval

Your cash'll be flash in these purses, says deputy fash ed Angela



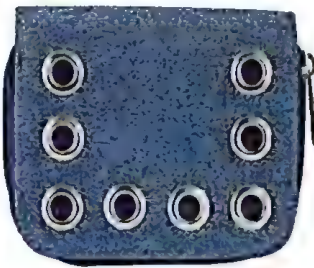
Panda £25.50 from **Super Lovers**



Gold and lace £2.99 from **Peacocks**



Pink beaded £2.95 by **Gadget Girl**  
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Denim eyelet £4.50 from  
**Claire's Accessories**



Pink glitter £3.99 from **Dolcis**

Beaded dollar £5.99 from **Next**



## Trend03

Corduroy!

Style queens everywhere know corduroy is the latest must-have and those top peeps at Levi's have produced a killer range of two-tone corduroy, which, according to model Michelle, is well comfy to wear. We totally rate this belted coat, £95 by **Levi's Engineered Jeans**, and bootleg jeans, £55 by **RED TAB Home Laundry**. Well cool! For stockists, call 01604 599 752 or check out [www.levi.com](http://www.levi.com)





Pink mini stereo system  
Argos  
£24.99

Blue logo cushion  
French Connection  
£15

Jonathon wears army jacket £18,  
orange T-shirt £9, vintage jeans  
£15 all from Rokit

Hannah wears black fur jacket  
from £35 from Gap Kids, fabric  
corsetage £10 from Freedom @  
Topshop, logo long-sleeve top  
£25 from Pash, cross necklace  
£5 from Big Metal, bangles from  
a selection by Freedom @ Top  
Shop, sequinned skirt £12.99  
from Peacocks, orange fishnet  
tights £4.99 from Jonathan  
Archer

Lattice fairy lights  
Argos  
£19.99

Game Boy Advance  
Nintendo  
approx  
£85

# The hip list

Shop till you drop... Christmas pressies



Julius alarm clock  
Paul Frank  
£18

Hello Kitty clock  
Gadget Girl  
£19.95



Heart chain  
Zest  
£14.99

Leather  
Freedom  
Topshop  
£18

Tom wears Mickey Mouse sweatshirt £25  
from Rokit. Chantel wears dazzle pony logo  
T-shirt £20, belt £15 both by Paul Frank

Black logo top £16 from Mango, jeans  
£67 from Pash, leather gloves £15 bag  
£18 both from Topshop





Marilyn fairy lights  
Zest  
£19.99

Pineapple lamp  
Kitschen Sync  
£30

Tom wears blue track top £14.99 from H&M, jeans £35 from Rokit, pink heart cushion £3.99 from Peacocks, patch £10 (for three) from Paul Frank

Chantel wears top £28 from Pink Soda & Topshop, jeans £67 by Pash, hat £17 from Mambo, diamante earrings from a selection at Agatha

Amy wears red shirt with tie £9.50 from Super Lovers, African print £38 from French Connection, skull and crossbones biboch £6 from Fiona & Luke

Beaded curtains £20 each available from Kitschen Sync  
Striped throw (on back of sofa) £85 from French Connection

Photos Karl Pierard Styling The Style Crew Hair/Make-up Angela Hamilton-Daley at Rokit Models Amy, Chantel, Hannah, Jonathon & Tom



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Wanted  
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Assorted Emily Books  
Magma  
£11.99



Photo Friends frames  
Gadget Girl  
£5.95

Black track top £45 from Rokit

Pink striped jumper £25 from Top Shop

Tom wears track top £45 from Rokit. Chantel wears one-shoulder top £9.99 from H&M

Logo T-shirt £18 from Pink Soda, cartoon-print skirt £60.99 from Super Lovers



# Beauty spot

We want swanky Christmas gifts and we want 'em now...



◀ Charmed World Gloss  
£11.50 available  
from Pout



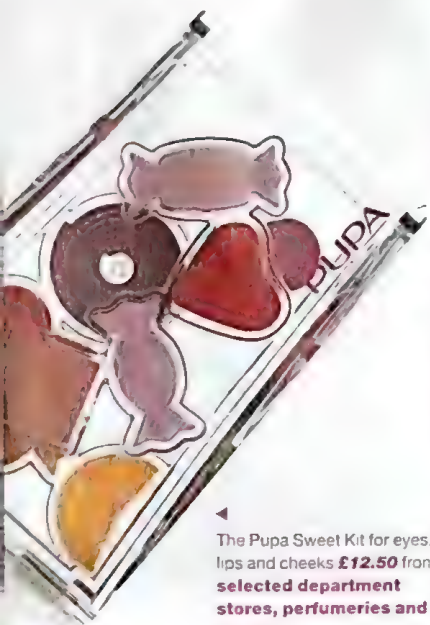
Stila All Over Body  
Shimmer £23 available  
from Space NK

Stila All Over Body Shimmer  
£25.95 from Boots  
and House of Fraser

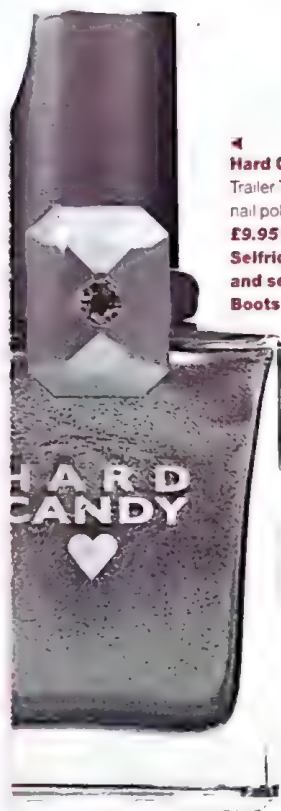


Ralph Lauren set £35  
from chemists and  
department stores

Wine and Flush Face Gloss £10  
from Ruby & Millie @ Boots



◀ The Pupa Sweet Kit for eyes,  
lips and cheeks £12.50 from  
selected department  
stores, perfumeries and  
chemists



◀ Hard Candy  
Trailer Trash  
nail polish  
£9.95 from  
Selfridges  
and selected  
Boots



Noir Lamé Gloss Eyes  
Cheeks £24 from Chanel



◀ Honey Sparkly  
Sweet Body  
Primer £18 from  
Urban Decay @  
Boots and  
House of Fraser







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# Believe the hype

Hair and make-up artist Emma Osbourne, 25, creates four looks for the festive season



Emma Osbourne has primped and preened the likes of Cat Deeley, the Spice Girls, U2, and the girls from *Hollyoaks* and *EastEnders*. And when she's not busy glamming up stars,

you'll find her working on location for loads of mags. So who better to let us in on the latest Yule hair and make-up trends?

**LOOK #1** "This gold look is perfect for Christmas. Just make up your face with your usual foundation, then take a gold eye cream – I like the ones on sale at Screenface, but you can use an eyeshadow instead – and with your finger smudge the colour onto the side of your eyes, not the lids. Add gold dust to your neck and shoulders. Finish off with a flick in your hair – it only takes 30 seconds to curl the ends with hot tongs – and a spritz of gold glitter hairspray."

**LOOK #2** "Everyone uses silver glitter but I like to do things differently. Turquoise or green are the latest colours and they look great under the eyes. The best way to apply your glitter and make it stick is to dip your brush in water before putting it in the glitter. The water helps it stick to your skin and avoids that greasy look you get when you use Vaseline. Apply lip gloss, then twist the front of your hair into a knot and secure with grips. I used a snowflake earring from Agatha as a clip."

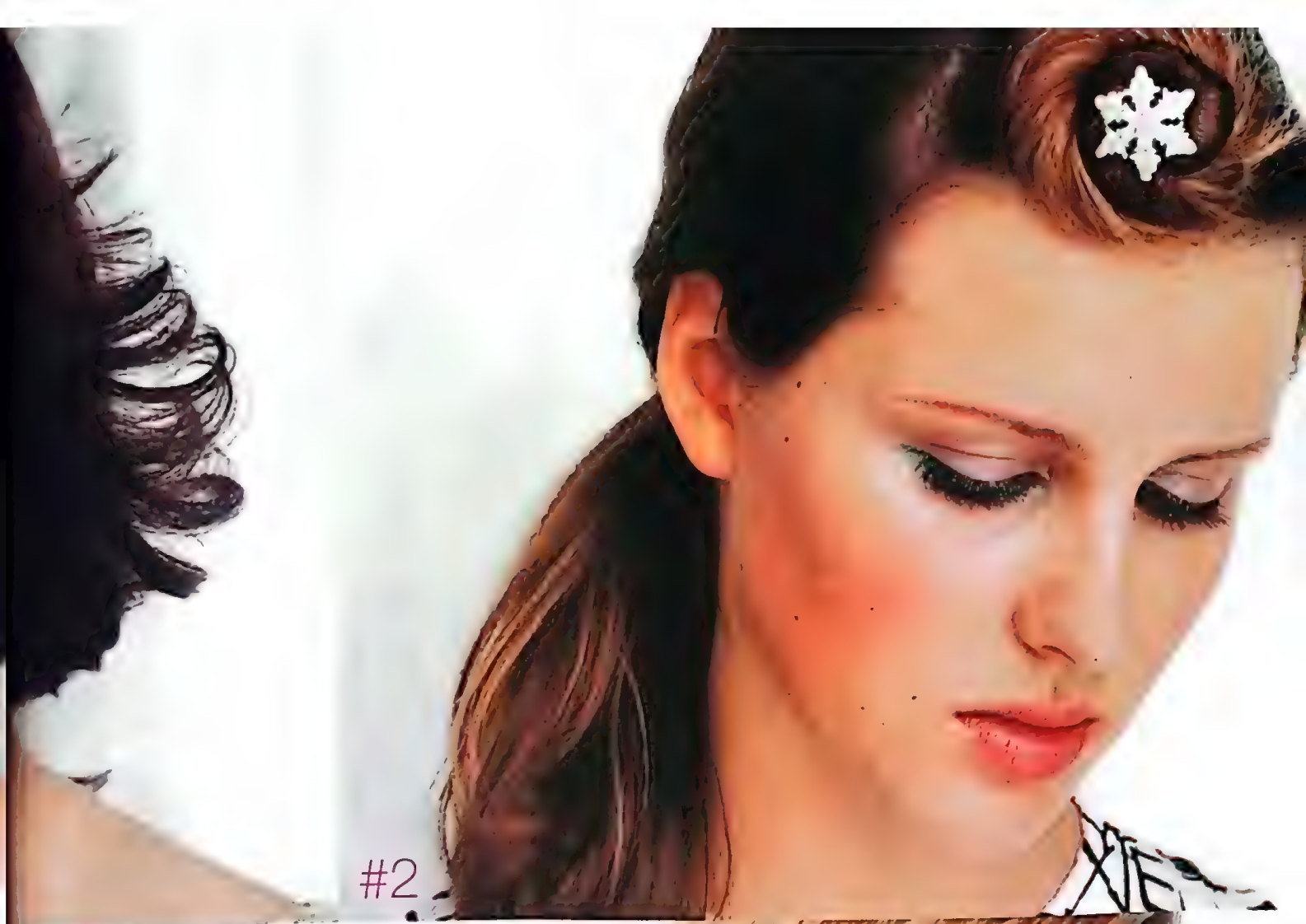
**LOOK #3** "For a seriously shimmery party look, try an iridescent white dust with a slight purple shimmer. Barry M do the best range of dazzle dusts. But the secret to this look isn't the eyeshadow, it's the way it's blended – it should look sheer, not heavy. The final touch is frosty lip shimmer. Then either plait your hair and pull it back into a ponytail or plait the front section and wear it hanging down to the side."

**LOOK #4** "I'm all for experimenting with colours. On Nina's eyes I went for turquoise, green and purple eyeshadow and touched her lashes with blue mascara. For a slightly more sophisticated effect, stick to muted shades; if you want to get noticed, try clashing brights. I also slicked down Nina's hair and made it smooth and glossy – this is a look that never goes out of fashion."

Fancy a job like Em's? Here's how she did it... "I went to the London College of Fashion where they do great BTEC and HND make-up courses. This acts as a good training ground. Straight after college I assisted other make-up artists. When I had gained enough experience – after about two years – I got an agent who now deals with my bookings. The job sounds more glamorous than it is, but I love it."







#2



#4

#3



# The Collective

Add a bit of glam and pin on a brooch...



Cherries £8  
from Ad Hoc



Silver star  
£12 from Mikey



Coloured  
diamanté circle  
£15 from Mikey



Cocktail glass  
£14 from Mikey



Red jewelled  
circle £9.99 from  
Accessorize



Hello Kitty £10  
from Ad Hoc



Silver butterfly £12.99  
from Jon Richard @  
Debenhams



Diamanté dog  
£18 from  
Agatha



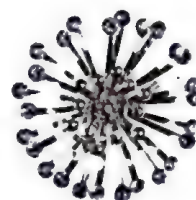
Poodle £20  
from Johnny  
Loves Rosie



Dragonfly  
£9.99 from  
Jon Richard @  
Debenhams



Vintage swirl  
£10 from  
Bazaar Vintage  
@ Freedom @  
Topshop



Blue circle £2.99  
from H&M



Black strawberry  
£15 from Mikey



Pink sequinned  
flower £10 from  
Marks & Spencer



Diamanté heart  
£6 from Diva @  
Topshop



Diamanté  
spider £10 from  
Freedom @  
Topshop





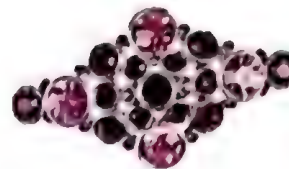
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Silver diamond  
£26 from Johnny  
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Loves Rosie



Heart and  
arrow £15  
from Milkey



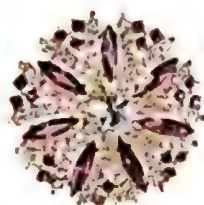
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Eagle £2.99  
from H&M



Red lips £10  
from Milkey



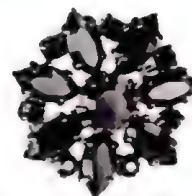
Purple and gold  
jewelled circle £8  
from Ad Hoc



Large red flower  
£14.95 from  
Cherry Chau @  
Selfridges



Red strawberry  
£24 from Cherry  
Chau @ Selfridges



Black circle  
£9.99 from  
Accessorize



Silver flower  
£12.99 from Jen  
Richard @  
Debenhams



Cameo £6 from  
Freedom @  
Topshop



Skull and  
crossbones  
£4 from  
Fiona & Luke



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# Killer Christmas offers!

One lucky reader wins £300 CASH! Plus, we've got loads of special offers and freebies up for grabs



## ▲ 6 sets of Avon make-up

Worth over **£42** each, these **Avon** make-up sets include: two pots of Color Trend Squeeze Nail Enamel in Sorbet and Champagne, One Clever Pallett, two tubes of Cyber Star Lip Gloss in Modern Mocha and Start Up Pink, Glossy Black Mascara, Eye Gems, Cyber Star Body Paint, Glitz and Glimmer Roll-On Body Gel, a sequined choker and cuff.

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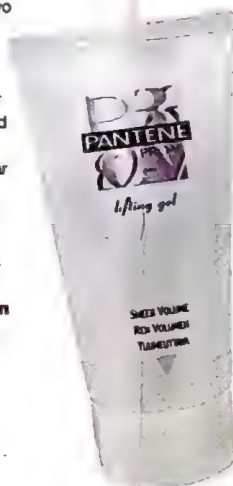
To win, send your name and address on a postcard to J17 'Faith' Competition, RGN, 347 Fulham Road, London SW10 9TW by 10 Jan 2002.

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We've got five **Killah** tees up for grabs, each worth **£35**.

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# Win! J17'S Christmas cash bonanza!

Don't miss your chance to win an amazing **£300** in cash this Christmas! Yep, that's right, one lucky reader will be able to buy themselves an entire new party wardrobe, treat your mates and grab some sale bargains, too. All you have to do is answer the question below and send it on a postcard with your name and address to 'J17 Cash Bonanza' at the usual J17 address by 10 Jan 2002.

**Q: How much is the bow hairclip that the Scene Queen's Tim Shady is wearing in this issue?**

**£300 J17 £300**

Dear J17, please make sure I win loads cash to make me v happy, yes indeedy.



# Shoot me

Style hunting... Brighton pier



Tracked down... the stylish sistas in Brighton love anything **sparkly**: T-shirts with **glittery** logos, trainers with **metallic** motifs and **shiny** go-faster stripes. Jeans had **silver** paint splats and denim bags were **studded** and **sequined**. A top tip to follow is **fake fur-trimmed jackets** worn with **corset tops** and **heavy gold jewellery**.

Now buy these...

1 Splattered jeans £52 by Pash 2 Fake-fur corduroy coat £55 from Miss Selfridge 3 Logo T-shirt £12 from Tammy 4 Trainers £45 from Faith, customised with glitter by J17's fashion assistant Zoe 5 Wide belt £12.99 from New Look 6 Denim studded bag £7 from Topshop





A photograph of two surfboards standing upright on a sandy beach. The surfboard on the left is teal and has the words 'Home and Away' written on it in a yellow, stylized font. The surfboard on the right is pink and has a blue diamond-shaped logo with the word 'Bodyform' in white. The background shows the ocean with waves and a blue sky.

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# Boyology

*Introducing a special Christmas issue of Boyology.  
So sit yourself down, take a few deep breaths and  
then - turn over the page...*





*Phewers, look who's taken over the Ed's chair for this month's Boyology!*

It's Christmas, so your fave magazine decided to give you a treat. We hauled in the boys they like, plunked them in front of a 'puter and put them in charge of Boyology.

And as warned, the lads may look as sweet as advent calendar chocolate, but they're definitely no angels! We asked them for a few opening gems. Picked them off by telling us what actually lads don't mean a lot of the things they do or say. Adam pointed out that "all lads fart in front of birds" and we can reason we can't live

without lads, "because they need the security of a man". Only Lee managed to redeem himself, cos although he liked the fact that "lads get to be the more dominant one in relationships" he did add "you feel like you can wrap your arms around your girl and protect her".

The boys offer more pearls of wisdom over the page, plus we take to the streets to discover what lads really want in their Xmas stocking and why they always buy such naff presents. So for your Christmas Blueology Boy bit, read on...



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# WOOLWORTHS

**WELL WORTH IT**

Subject to availability.







Joel had a feeling that the gold sequinned visor was taking things slightly too far



## Blue Next Door

The boys from Blue sort your dating dilemmas

### Shavin' mad!

Dear BND, I fancy a new hairdo for Christmas and I'm thinking of getting a Nichola Big Brother-type crop. Do boys like this look or is it a bit severe?

**Lyndsey (15), Derby**

**Simon:** Personally I like girls to be girls. I do like short hair, but I think a shaved head is a big no no!

**Lee:** Do what you want darlin' and don't think about anyone else. All that matters is that you like it. And if you don't, it will grow back soon enough. I've cut my hair before and hated it, but you don't know until you try. You can't live your life in one shade of colour (or one haircut! - J17); everyone needs a bit of excitement.

### Is he worth it?

Dear BND, I've been seeing my boyfriend for nearly two months now, but I don't know whether this is long enough to consider buying him a Christmas pressie. Will he reckon I'm a bit keen if I get him something?

**Carla (16), Sunderland**

**Duncan:** No, course he won't. You buy presents for your friends so why not buy them for your boyfriend? I'm sure he'll get you something and

then you'll feel bad. I think you should buy him a gift that has a special meaning...

**Lee:** Nah, course he won't think you're keen. Presents are a way of showing your affection. Buy him something tomorrow if you feel like it - why wait till Christmas? Just don't blow all your cash!

### Two-timing snogger!

Dear BND, Is it wrong to snog other blokes when you're going steady? My boyfriend says he's going to snog other people at parties and I don't think it's fair if I don't!

**Anna (16), Macclesfield**

**Antony:** You're only 16 years old! Go out, enjoy yourself and don't rush into anything too serious just yet.

**Lee:** I don't think you should get off with other lads when you've got a steady boyfriend - it's not fair on anyone. If he's told you he's planning on kissing other girls, you should dump him instead of going behind his back. But at least he's been up front with you.

Boy Next Door will be back next month. Write to him with your romantic predicaments at the usual address, or e-mail them to [sarah.williams@emap.com](mailto:sarah.williams@emap.com)

# Battled!

## Boy behaviour decoded #4 Buying crap presents

Shopping trips strike terror into the heart of us lads at the best of times. It means that, instead of spending our precious Saturday in front of our PlayStations, we have to waste our day being dragged through crowds of people, receiving death stares from sales staff and arguing about which shop to go to next.

But Christmas shopping is even worse. We're forced into shops we've never heard of to buy presents for someone whose dress size hasn't seemed important until now. Which is why on 25 December you're likely to get a gift from your lad that you wouldn't even give your gran.

Here's the present score: cosmetics are always a final resort, so a wicker basket filled with bath salts means your boyfriend shopped

(maniacally) at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve. Chocolates are the safe (read: easy) option. Yes, you'll moan about them being "Sooo unhealthy, I just couldn't", but scoff the lot. Underwear will always be red, black or lacy, because we're picturing you wearing it. That's why we've never bought you a cardigan!

Our lameness can be explained, though. Looking at anything remotely girly makes us feel a bit, well, pervy. We don't know what mascara is, let alone the right brand to buy, and frankly Topshop is our idea of Hell. I reckon the only way to get it right is by making presents ourselves. So if your lad gives you a Celine Dion compilation tape or a card made from pasta shapes, try to appreciate it. After all, it's the thought that counts... Isn't it?

"I'm not arrogant, I'm not flash, I'm not big-headed, I'm happy. I was happy before the fame. I'm just a local lad who's worked hard."

David Beckham





# STEPS

**LIVE IN YOUR LIVING ROOM**  
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## BOYOLOGY

What lads really want you to buy them this Christmas...

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"This might sound boring, but I'd really like it if she bought me some nice jeans or a jumper. Something trendy from a good label though – I don't want anything cheap and nasty."

**James Lewis (15)**

"I don't want any slushy, romantic presents like cuddly toys. A decent CD or some nice clothes will do me fine."

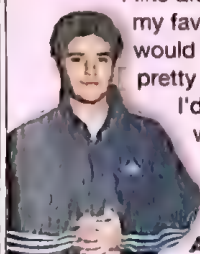
**Matt Davis (16)**

"The best thing a girl could buy me is a pair of concert tickets so we could go to a gig together. I'd really love to see something grungy like Blink 182."

**James Inglis (15)**

"I'd like to get a CD. Not just anything, though. Something rare that she knows I like, so it's more personal."

**James Cox (16)**



"I like aftershave – Davidoff is my favourite. But a girl would have to know me pretty well to find that out."

I'd hate to get the wrong one cos then I'd have to wear it, so I guess socks are the safer option."

**Alex Verjee (14)**

"This is probably too expensive for a gift from a girlfriend, but the one thing I really want is a PlayStation 2. Is that greedy?"

**Adam Rushing (15)**

"An England football shirt would be good. I don't know if many girls would think of buying that for their boyfriend, but it would be a great gift."

**Mark Allen (14)**

"OK, it's cheesy, but I'd like to get a really nice text message. But I'd want a proper gift as well though!"

**Guy George (15)**



## Loved up

Chris Ptochides (left), 15 and Elliot Carpenter, 15

**Chris:** "I've fancied Elliot for ages, but he didn't know about it. We've been good friends for a while and that's one of the best things about it – we already know each other so there's no embarrassing silences when we're together. We sit next to one another in science class and that's where we first decided to get together. But the teacher has separated us because we flirt too much! What is weird is that everyone at school knew that Chris and I would get together before we did."

**Elliot:** "Chris and I have only been seeing each other for a week and this is our first day out together because it's half-term. I feel a bit weird being out in public with him, but no-one seems to be paying us any attention really. I came out recently at school and I've tried to tell my parents but it hasn't happened yet. It's hard keeping something this big from them but I'll tell them soon – I'll have to really before they see this in J17 and get a huge shock!"

## Blue's girl challenge

How much do Antony, Lee, Simon and Duncan honestly know about girls?



**Name three things that girls do in the bathroom...**

**Antony:** "They phone up blokes and really turn them on. This girl used to ring me up and say: 'I'm in the bath', and it would really get me! Why do they do that?"

**Simon:** "They shave their legs and leave the hair all over the bath. Uuuuugh!"

**Duncan:** "They go into the bathroom together and tart themselves up a bit."

**Lee:** "And they sing."

**Name three things girls always do at Christmas parties...**

**Antony:** "They snog blokes under the mistletoe and cause loads of problems. I know a lot about women and that's why I don't have a girlfriend."

**Duncan:** "Get drunk, fall over and end up in bed with someone."

**Name three things girls do to get your attention at gigs...**

**Antony:** "They throw their knickers onto the stage and shout stuff like: 'Ant, I want you in my pants.'"

**Simon:** "They stare at you with really flirty eyes. That's the kind of girl who gets my attention – the ones who don't scream, but just stare."

**Lee:** "I'm attracted to girls who really look like they're having a good time. Enjoy yourself and I'll enjoy it with you!"

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## The Burger King Fling



**How to spot him:** He's the lad stuffing his face with chips.

**Find him:** Flirting in a fast food joint with barbecue sauce all over his chops.

**He's looking for:** A mate to share his chocolate shake

**Suggested line:** "D'ya want to have some of my sauce?"

## The Vinyl Countdown



**How to spot him:** He's plugged into Walkman 24/7, wears obscure artboy T-shirts, and won't leave the

house until he's gelled his frim.

**Find him:** Alone in the imported gangsta rap section.

**He's looking for:** Someone to discuss the globalisation of house music with.

**Suggested line:** "DJ2 are so artificial... have you heard the new Aphex Twin?"





#### The Blane Date

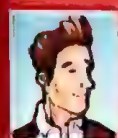


**How to spot him:** He wears a woolly hat - even in the summer - and is welded to his skateboard.

**Find him:** Performing skate tricks on the stairs.

**He's looking for:** Someone to kiss his grazed knees better.

**Suggested line:** "I did a double kickflip, they were, like, 'No way!'."



**The Gap Chap**  
**How to spot him:** His idea of 'casual' is a pair of lovingly-pressed khakis.

**Find him:** Lingered outside girls' shops waiting for his sister/mate.

**He's looking for:** A girl who looks like she's from the Gap TV ad.

**Suggested line:** "My first love? The spot's still vacant..."

#### The Brylcreem Brigade



**How to spot him:** He's got a gold earring and uses more hair gel than your kid bro on a date.

**Find him:** In Halfords with six identically-dressed mates.

**He's looking for:** A girl with a Superdrug discount card.

**Suggested line:** "My five mates fancy you."

#### The BMX Bandit



**How to spot him:** How can you miss him in that day-glo tracksuit?

**Find him:** Scooting around on wheels, being chased out of the precinct.

**He's looking for:** A bunny-hopping, break-dancing babe.

**Suggested line:** Don't bother talking - stick a twig through his spokes and wait till he wakes up

#### The Bookworm



**How to spot him:** He's the intense-looking guy in a black polo neck.

**Find him:** In the library or a bookshop, or on the town hall steps.

**He's looking for:** A girl to attend poetry reading nights with.

**Suggested line:** "That's a great read. I adore his use of commas."

#### Dixons Dave



**How to spot him:** He's in the shirt, tie and suit trousers combo, and is usually fiddling with some electrical item.

**Find him:** Looking for the two-for-one minidisc deals in Dixons or Tandy.

**He's looking for:** Someone to play on his PlayStation2 with.

**Suggested line:** "Need some spark in your life?"



# The trouble with boys

**21st-century lad is more prone than ever to depression, drug abuse and suicide. What's worse, he won't talk about it. So what does Luke, 16, think?**

**Y**ou might think it's easy being a boy: no periods, no overprotective dads and no rules to stick to. But the truth is, in 2002, boys have never been so troubled. The evidence: boys are more likely to suffer from mental disorders, including depression. They're performing worse at school – girls do better at GCSEs and A-levels – and the gap has been widening since 1988. An estimated 25 per cent of anorexics aged between seven and 14 are lads, while one in three 15-year-old boys has tried drugs, often as an escape route to block out problems or worries. There has also been a relentless rise in the suicide rates of young men (15 to 24 year olds) – 160 per cent between 1970 and 1990.

## Suffer in silence

Much of the problem stems from the fact that boys find it a lot harder than girls to ask for help and talk about their problems.

"I wouldn't have a clue how to bring up subjects like love, exam worries or even just being on a bit of a downer, without getting laughed at," admits Gareth, 16, in a rare moment of openness. "Me and my mates avoid going in for anything too meaningful."

Psychologist Michelle Elliot explains: "Generally, girls are socially more skilful at verbal communication. But teenage boys, at the peak of self-consciousness, find it very difficult to talk. Even if they can communicate on that level, they believe it's wrong."

## Just asking!

A boy's inability to talk about his emotions is only partly down to wanting to be one of the lads. The rest is down to biology. Studies prove that boys' emotions are handled by the primitive part of the brain, which deals with the desire to fight or run away. (Girls' are handled by the cortex, which allows us to turn feelings into words.)

"The bad news is it's getting worse," says Michelle. "With more broken homes, boys lack a father figure to talk to. Male role models don't stretch much further than inarticulate footballers and

aggressive rappers. At the same time, girls are more outgoing than ever and can't be bothered with the silent types."

But before you write all boys off as grouches (or ourselves as unapproachable), go easy. Boys admit to confiding in girls the most. As 14-year-old Steve says, "Girls can pick up on what you're *really* thinking and don't make fun of you."

## Friends like these

To see if this is true, J17 took one 16-year-old male, Luke, his girlfriend Harriet, 17, and best mate James, 16, and asked: how good is Luke at handling his emotions?

"Luke's quite open compared to most boys," says Harriet. "But then, he knows he can trust me. If there's something wrong and he doesn't say, I can tell from the way he acts! Then I get it out of him."

James admits Luke isn't always so open with him. "There have been times when he's bottled stuff up," he says. "He had some bad experiences with his last girlfriend that I guess he wanted to deal with on his own. But we are close, and can have a deep conversation about girls, life, the future."

Luke agrees: "I'm not shy but I don't really talk about my home life or sex: certain things are personal. Generally, though, I like talking to people. You get your worries off your chest."





Luke, centre, his girlfriend  
Harriet and best mate James

**"There have been times when Luke's bottled  
stuff up – he's had some bad experiences I  
guess he wanted to deal with on his own"**





## Can he handle it?

Luke seems to be fairly open, but how do his mates reckon he'd *really* handle the following touchy subjects?

**James is spending loads of time with his new girlfriend. You're fed up and feel left out. Even (dare we say it) lonely. How do you deal with it?**

**Harriet:** "I reckon he'd be pissed off and moan to me. Then suggest going on a boys' night out to get rid of the girls! He'd probably make a bit of a joke about it in front of everyone rather than pull his friend aside, but you'd know that he meant it."

**James:** "He'd be annoyed but rather than make a scene, he'd

lad, it might get nasty. To his friends he'd give it, 'Oh I don't care, I didn't like her anyway'."

**James:** "His first instinct would be to double-check the story. Then he'd ask Harriet what was going on. He's not a big sulker but he'd be upset and probably finish it. He wouldn't find it difficult to talk to me about it, but I would try and make him think rationally."

**Luke:** "I'd speak to James and get to know the whole situation. I'd probably know the guy, so I'd have a go at him, then see what Harriet had to say. If she had cheated on me, we'd split because that's one thing I don't stand for. Then I'd try my hardest to go out that Friday night and pull a couple of girls. It's not right but a better way to get over it than hiding in my room."

**Luke:** "I could see myself going to my dad. And Harriet, but she'd just say, 'Oh, it'll be alright'. If I was behind because I wasn't intelligent enough to catch up or pass, I'd be embarrassed to bring it up or ask for help, but not if I was just stuck."

So it seems that boys do find it easier to open up to us girls. But before we start feeling all smug, remember we need them too. "Friendships with boys are important for us too," says Michelle Elliott. "It means we can learn to communicate on different levels and deal with people who aren't necessarily on our wavelength." Sounds like the best excuse we ever heard to get friendly with lads!

## "If he was having problems at school, Luke would be more likely to talk to his girl friends."

organise a night out. If I said no, then he'd come straight up to me and say, 'You're spending too much time with her, you've got to come out with us.' He wouldn't mess about."

**Luke:** "I might have a little moan to Harriet and give him the occasional dig but I know I've probably done the same with my girlfriend at some point. If he refused to come out at all though, I'd tell him he was being out of order. But it would be no big drama."

**You've just found out from a mate that your girlfriend got off with a lad in the year above at a party on Saturday night. She hasn't said anything to you about it but you're gutted. What do you do?**

**Harriet:** "He wouldn't think twice about confronting me straight away. If it were true, he'd finish it completely. Then, if he knew the

**You're down about school and falling well behind in your homework. The pressure to pass those exams is getting too much. Now what?**

**Harriet:** "He'd be more wary of talking this through with his boy than his girl friends. We're more understanding and can relate – it's a problem that girls would get more upset about. Even so, it would probably take a bit of coaxing to get it out of him. There's no teacher he's got a special bond with to confide in – they're old and too busy."

**James:** "He'd laugh it off in front of the boys and try to deal with it on his own. We've got quite a competitive edge going on between us... we want to be better than each other at pool, computer games, schoolwork. We don't really talk about our failures. Maybe he'd talk to his parents if he got really worried."

## "We can't talk about that"

The top five things that you'll never get a boy to discuss...

A new report reckons women gossip about 40 topics during one conversation, while men can only cope with four: work, sport, jokes and women. Fiona Harris surveyed boys in the Shropshire towns of Much Wenlock, Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury to find out which subjects they steer well clear of...

### 1. Sex/health worries

"You can never say what you really think or ask the questions you want to because it's just too embarrassing. If the subject of sex comes up in front of my parents, I completely freak out." Ollie (15)

### 2. School work

"I'd rather talk computer games or skateboarding than homework. I don't want it to look like I care." Gareth (16)

### 3. Girls and love

"It doesn't go down too well with my mates. I do get emotional but I can't admit it or I'll get accused of being a wuss." Steve (17)

### 4. Feeling down

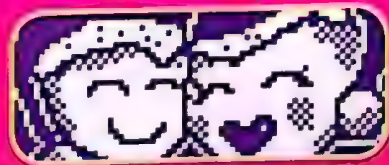
"I never moan or let anyone know what's going on in my head because if you start crying it would make you look completely gay." Nathan (14)

### 5. Other emotions

"I find it difficult to talk about anything involving emotions because I'm scared of being called a girl. That's what I call my mates when they start getting soppy." Ben (14)



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# UK GARAGE

## is it the new gangsta rap?

**The artists don't want it, the clubs don't want it. But the violence surrounding the UK garage scene is looking more like hip hop's gangland by the day**

It's official – the sound of the streets has taken over the charts. Just ask Atomic Kitten, who claimed the number one spot for two weeks last August, until So Solid Crew blew out their *Eternal Flame*. Like rap in the US ten years ago, garage has gone mainstream. The Dream Team now have a prime-time radio show, So Solid's MC Romeo is attracting as many female admirers as Robbie Williams, and bling blingin' hotspot Ayla Napa is the new Ibiza.

But it looks like garage might be following rap's lead in more than just chart-topping popularity. As hip hop rose to chart dominance in America, it became impossible to avoid this hardcore music of the streets' association with crime. In October, Snoop Dogg, Jay-Z and ODB were all in trouble with the law for varying offences – and it looks like the garage scene is going the same way. Just two months ago, MC Romeo's 21st birthday bash made the headlines after two people were shot while the crew were performing. Earlier in the year, 18-year-old Marcus Hall was stabbed and killed outside Club @tmosphere in Luton, after watching a So Solid performance. In August there was a shooting outside London garage club Sunday School. Only one man was injured, but the biggest shock was how many clubbers pulled

out guns of their own and returned fire. Even MC Neutrino admits, "Any club you go to that plays garage, there's always fighting, there are always shootings."

**"I'm talkin' 'bout cockin' a gauge in between your eyes. That'll make you drop to your knees."**

*Dr Dre - Nigga Witta Gun*

Not that it puts the fans off. Garage fan Scott\*, 17, reckons: "There's always gonna be trouble because garage music is about who's got the lairiest car and the smartest clothes and showing off your wealth."

Carl\*, 18, agrees and admits that at times he's scared but it doesn't stop him hitting the garage clubs. "There's this garage night called Twice As Nice and we call it Twice As Dangerous because of all the bad stuff going down there."

But Twice As Nice's owner, Steve Gordon, disputes these claims. "We haven't had any incidents at any of our clubs. I run my own security company, so I can't be training doormen and having problems in my club. I think we've got a bad name because we're coming under the banner of UK garage, even though So Solid Crew and us are totally different. So when they get bad press, it affects us. I'd like to segregate Twice As Nice from So Solid and that whole scene. There's no violence at our nights."

That's not to say that garage stars support the violence – quite the opposite. After the shootings at Romeo's party, a spokesman was quick to express the Crew's horror: "So Solid Crew very much regret the violence that broke out... they abhor violence and have made it clear on their record they want the violence to stop."

**"I'll ghetto boy, playin' in the ghetto streets. Wacha gonna do when you grow up?"**

*Dr Dre - Lil Ghetto Boy*

So why is violence so connected to hip hop and garage music? It's mainly down to their underground roots. When Oxide and Neutrino

**a stage show I wear street clothes."**

*Tupac - Rebel Of The Underground*

Ironically, it's also the underground roots that help ensure the popularity of both sounds. "Cultural change tends not to come from the mainstream, it tends to come from the edges," says Amy Smith, managing director of Nike's advertising agency. "From youth, from ethnically diverse populations, from the gay community." Garage – a lifetime away from the key changes and dance-routines of typical pop – is cool, and being associated with it gives artists a bit of street cred. That's why so many chart-

**"Any club you go to that plays garage, there are always shootings." MC Neutrino**

exploded onto the music scene you knew they hadn't grown up with the comforts of a middle-class home and their music reflects this. That's what both hip hop and garage stars mean when they talk about "keepin' it real". Both sounds come from the streets – for garage, that's the streets of south London; for hip hop, it's Compton, LA – and the artists made it big without the help of a wealthy family.

**"I don't give a damn and it shows. And when I do**

topping stars who want a new image jump on its bandwagon – think Posh Spice's *Out Of Your Mind*. Same with hip hop; remember Texas' collaboration with the Wu-Tang Clan?

**"Got chicks, ice, platinum whips and too much dough. If you wanna try and have a go there's 25 of us each loaded with a gat."**

*Oxide and Neutrino - Lil Ghetto Boy*

In the same way that rappers like Eminem and Snoop Dogg big up



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There's always gonna be trouble because garage music is about showing off your wealth." Garage fan Scott\* (17)



After the shootings at MC Romeo's birthday party, The Astoria in London cancelled So Solid's December concert



the use of guns and violence in songs like *Kill You* and *Murder Was The Case*, so do garage stars like Oxide and Neutrino. They use the kind of gangster talk rappers have used for years, and it's paid off in the same way. Their first single, *Bound 4 Da Reload (Casualty)*, went straight to No 1 without any major radio backing. And, like rappers, garage artists are caught up in the lifestyle – sometimes as victims, sometimes as perpetrators. MC Neutrino was shot in the leg earlier this year,

#### "Will everyone stop getting shot?"

Oxide and Neutrino – sample from *Bound 4 Da Reload (Casualty)*  
In the States, the link between violence and rap is now so serious that an annual summit is held to address the problem. Garage hasn't got its own violence summit yet, but it may not be far away. The Metropolitan Police has recently launched Operation Trident to investigate drug-related violent crime in London. Mike Fuller, head of the operation, says,

**"I'm not a role model. Just cos I say go and do something, doesn't mean actually do it" Eminem**

while Skat D was found guilty of assault [see panel].

But being associated with crime only seems to have made both hip hop and garage more popular. Tupac had a No 1 album, *Me Against The World*, while serving time in prison for sexual assault, and at the height of Snoop's murder case, his album *Doggystyle* went straight to no1. Crime shows that rappers live the gangster life they write about, and that their lyrics are for real. Like it or not, crime sells.

"Guns have become fashion accessories for many young people. We're not talking about levels of organisation on a par with the gangs of Los Angeles, but these people should not be underestimated."

The important thing to remember is that, like US rappers, Britain's garage heroes are not saying they're whiter than white. As Eminem says, "I'm not a role model and I don't claim to be. Just because I say go and do something, it doesn't mean

## "I'll see you in court!"

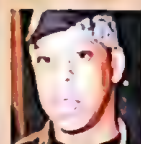
It seems you can't be real without a court case. Here's your guide to who's done what in the music business.



### US



**Sept 1993:** surrenders himself to police custody on murder charges over alleged involvement in a drive-by shooting  
**Feb 1996:** acquitted of murder, **Oct 2001:** pleads guilty to charges of possessing drug



**Oct 2001:** pleads guilty to assaulting record producer Lance Rivera in 1999. Jay stabbed Rivera with a five-inch blade outside a New York club and has received three years probation for the crime.



**2000:** flees drug rehab clinic he's attending for cocaine addiction. **Oct 2001:** pleads guilty to criminal possession of a controlled substance and sentenced to two to four years in prison.



**April 2001:** pleads guilty to carrying a concealed weapon in Michigan. Receives two years' probation. He is also ordered to undergo counselling and pay \$7,500 costs.



**Nov 94:** robbed and shot in New York recording studio. 1995: sentenced to four and a half years in prison for sexual assault. 1998: shot dead in a suspected gang-related drive-by shooting.



### UK



**(Charged with attempted murder before So Solid Crew had formed. He is later acquitted and soon after, sets up the collective (and business) that is to change his life.**



**Oct 2001:** pleads guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm on a 16-year-old girl who had to have her jaw reassembled. He's fined £1,500 and ordered to pay £3,500 compensation and £500 costs

actually do it." So Solid Crew admit to having been through some bad times – they don't big it up or deny it. When asked about the adverse press, Megaman is matter of fact. "Whatever publicity it is, it's good. We're not coming from a good background anyway, so at the end of the day, we're gonna get that. We're here to get out of the streets, man. Think I wanna be walking round here selling weed forever, walking round like a bad boy?"

If garage gurus Oxide and Neutrino had been born with silver

spoons in their mouths, their music would be bland. In fact, it probably wouldn't even exist. For their fans it's a matter of recognising that an exciting musician is not necessarily a perfect role model. And remembering that, in the same way hip hop changed American music, garage is also kicking mainstream pop where it hurts. Because frankly, anyone that knocks Atom Kitten off the top spot deserves more than a bottle of champagne.

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# 12 days of text-mas

Chekout da best ringtones, logos & accessories 4 ur fone & u wont b bored dis xmas. Hav a gr8 1 for the JP'ers x

## 12 rockin' ringtones

### Last Christmas

[www.ringtonesgalore.co.uk](http://www.ringtonesgalore.co.uk)

### I Wish It Could Be

### Christmas Every Day

[www.ringtonesgalore.co.uk](http://www.ringtonesgalore.co.uk)

### Do They Know

### It's Christmas?

[www.ringtonesgalore.co.uk](http://www.ringtonesgalore.co.uk)

### Merry Christmas

### Everyone

[www.ringtonesgalore.co.uk](http://www.ringtonesgalore.co.uk)

### Frosty The Snowman

[www.ringtones.net](http://www.ringtones.net)

### Rudolf The Red-Nosed

### Reindeer

[www.ringtones.net](http://www.ringtones.net)

### Silent Night

[www.ringtones.net](http://www.ringtones.net)

### Jingle Bells

[www.ringtones.net](http://www.ringtones.net)

### Walking In The Air

[www.ringtones.net](http://www.ringtones.net)

### Away In A Manger

[www.2thumbswap.com](http://www.2thumbswap.com)

### Auld Lang Syne

[www.2thumbswap.com](http://www.2thumbswap.com)

### Let It Snow

[www.2thumbswap.com](http://www.2thumbswap.com)

## 11 amazin' abbreviations

● BK Big kiss ● L2BF Learn to be funny ● PRW Parents are watching ● PS PlayStation ● IHTP I hate this place ● SOHF Sense of humour failure ● UBAQT You're a cutie ● MBY XMS! Merry Christmas! ● A3 Any time, any place, anywhere ● ITNOTVS There's nothing on TV so... ● RTI Read the instructions

## 10 wicked websites

[www.uboot.com](http://www.uboot.com) Anonymous texts and emails from your moby (free).

[www.mypocketpal.com](http://www.mypocketpal.com) Reminder service for birthdays, jokes and quizzes (free).

[www.23rdfloor.com](http://www.23rdfloor.com) Music, pix and games – the freshest-looking site about (free).

[www.coverfrenzy.com](http://www.coverfrenzy.com) Design your own phone cover with pix and drawings (£24.99).

[www.saw-you.com](http://www.saw-you.com) Text a description of the totty you spied last night and if he's registered, they'll put you in contact (free).

[www.darkerthanblue.com](http://www.darkerthanblue.com) Hip hop and R&B news, gigs and competitions (£1.50 p/min).

[www.crazymobile.co.uk](http://www.crazymobile.co.uk) Design your own logo and graphics (£1.50 p/min).

[www.xtremetext.com](http://www.xtremetext.com) Fab 'Dissin Dynamo' and 'U R dumped' generator (free).

[www.vizzavi.com](http://www.vizzavi.com) News, horoscopes, music and sport (free).

[www.cosmiccupid.com](http://www.cosmiccupid.com) Sends texts to anyone you wanna flirt with! (free).

## 9 freaky fone facts

- Over 700 million texts are sent each month in the UK
- Spod bods are inventing a mobile that smells when it rings, so each caller has a different scent.
- Two teens in Kansas were arrested when they sat on a phone and called the cops while planning a robbery.
- A college in Singapore texts exam results to students.
- A quarter of Italians reckon that being deprived of their mobiles leads to sexual problems.
- Language experts say text messaging teaches people to be more creative with words.
- An Austrian jeweller is selling gold and diamond mobile phone covers... a snip at £41,000 each!
- In a recent mag survey, nine per cent of mobile users admitted dumping someone via text.
- 86 per cent of people have sent texts while they're at school/work/college.

## 8 lovely logos

Top eight logos according to [ringtones.co.uk](http://ringtones.co.uk)







## 7 awesome accessories

- **Gr8 Cards** A choice of ring tones, celeb voicemails and icons. Plus entry into the m8's club, so you'll get news, gossip and competition info. (99p from most shops.)
- **Know the score** A scratch card to get the latest footie news. (www.btcclinet.net, £25.)
- **Smart Ass** Free trivia quiz. Two players go head to head every week with the chance to win a PlayStation. (www.23rdfloor.com.)
- **Pen LED** The end of this funky pen flashes when your moby is about to ring. Cool for school! (www.mobilephoneaccessories.com, £9.99.)
- **Sim Twin** Two SIM cards in one handset means you can flick between networks and double your phone book. (www.mobilephoneaccessories.com, £19.99.)
- **Flashing Stiletto** A shoe-shaped phone holder that flashes when the phone rings. (www.gadgets.b3k.net, £13.99.)
- **Touch Sensitive Covers** Change colour depending who touches it and how sweaty their hands are! (reaxionfx.com, £14.99.)

every ten minutes when you meet him – this'll show how in demand you are.

- Have the latest footie results sent to your lad's phone – he'll love ya forever!
- Tell your crush you love his Eminem ring tone and have got some rare imported remixes stored on your hard drive – in your bedroom of course.
- Get jokes texted to you each week, so you can impress him with your never-ending wit and wisdom.

## 4 excellent emoticons

(\O/) Angel W W Rudolf  
/\ (oo) \o/  
Santa Claus \*<|:-) Snowman :'| )

## 3 lingo lessons

- **3G Phones** Third-generation mobiles which are still in development; smaller and quicker than current models and provide internet access.
- **EMS** Enhanced messaging service. Allows phones to send and receive longer messages, graphics and even put text in bold and italics.
- **GSM** Global system for mobiles. Techy talk to describe the different signals that phones give out – on different frequencies – which explains why you get a really cack reception sometimes and your mate (who's standing right next to you) doesn't.

## 2 bill busters

- Text for free from the internet instead of your phone. Just log onto one of the websites (see day 10) and away you go!
- Don't text just cos you're bored – play a few games of Snake instead!

## 1 And a Christmas voicemail message to one and all! (sing to the tune of Jingle Bells)

"Jingle bells, as you can tell, I cannot take your call  
So leave your name, I'll call you back, it's no trou-ble  
at aa-all!"

"Jingle bells, ain't Christmas hell? I'm stranded in  
my room. But I'll get over bore-dom by talk-ing on  
the pho-one!"



## 6 blindin' books

- TXt TLK** (£3.99, Chicken House, written by J17's very own Chantelle Horton!)
- Text Me** (£3.99, Viking)
- Text Me Baby 1 More Time** (£3.99, Carlton)
- The Txt Files** (£2.50, Spectrum)
- Love Texting** (£2.75, Apple)
- Total Texting** (£2.75, Apple)

## 5 ways to pull

- Sneakily plant your moby in your crush's bag, then call it when you get home and suggest meeting up to get it back.
- Once you've bagged a date for the following week ask all your mates to plague you with lots of texts







# Diary of a crush

Grace decides it's better to give than receive...

## WHO'S WHO

**GRACE:** 16, confused and writing a diary

**JACK:** 17, Grace's crush

**POPPY:** 19, Grace's big sis

**ATSUKO & DARBY:** fellow band members

**JESSE:** Poppy's boyfriend

**EDIE:** Grace's friend and mentor

## THE STORY SO FAR

Jack and I don't bother to try and make stilted conversation any more. Usually he just says, "You alright, Grace?" and then attaches himself to my lips. I don't mind. Much. But I don't think all this meaningless snogging is going anywhere.

### 17 December

Mum wanted me to come straight home tonight to talk about Christmas. Like, what's to talk about? It's Christmas! But Jack and I walked home together and ended up in a clinch outside Smiths. I heard a furious hooting and then Mum was dragging me carwards. She says a) that she brought me up better than that and b) I'm grounded for a month. My life sucks!

### 18 December

I can't believe mum hasn't relented. I've seen Jesse and Poppy practically doing it in the kitchen when they were meant to be cooking and nobody said anything.

### 19 December

I take back all the mean things I've said about Poppy. She's managed to get the grounding revoked.

"It's Christmas, Mum," she yelled, when she came round to get her washing done. "You can't ground her. It's inhumane."

I was starting to have warm, fuzzy thoughts about Poppy until she added, "We're booked to play a gig on New Year's Eve. How am I meant to explain to the promoter that the guitarist has been sent to her room until January?"

Anyway, it worked. Although Jack is banned from coming within a mile of me and I have to wash up after Christmas lunch.

### 25 December

I've eaten my body weight in Quality Street at Edie's



'anti-Christmas' dinner. She reckoned that post-turkey, nothing decent ever happens and invited everyone round for Twister (oooh, I have bad memories of her Twister mat) and nu-metal charades.

It was weird. Edie and Dylan seem different somehow. I mean, they're still super-lovely but Edie is distant, like her mind's somewhere else and all Dylan's energy is focused on getting out of Manchester and being with Edie.

So it was meant to be anti-Christmas but Darby suddenly produced a sprig of mistletoe and, though Jack was visiting his grandparents in Chester, there seemed to be no shortage of boys who came at me with their lips

puckered. Dylan gave me an uncle-style peck on the cheek, but there were Jesse's bandmates and Will and Rob from the record shop and Atsuko's brother. I realised that the way a boy kisses is as individual as the way he does his hair. There's no right or wrong way to do it. And you don't have to be absolutely crushing on a boy to enjoy the kissing. It was, like, a major revelation.

### 1 January

We were just finishing our set at midnight, which was cool 'cos last year I had to persuade mum to even let me stay up. All this silver glitter dropped down on us and Jesse leapt on stage to snog

Poppy. I had to make do with hugging Darby and Edie who was doing a guest spot. After we finished I could see Jack waiting outside the dressing room for me, and I knew that he'd pull me into the alcove behind the stage so we could get gropey. But it seemed like a waste, you know? There were all these other boys with equally effective lips and hands.

I knew what to do, I mean, I'd seen Darby and Atsuko in action enough times. You just go over to a boy you like and smile mysteriously and ask if you can have a sip of his drink. The first boy told me to go and buy my own and the second one tried to stick his tongue down my throat within two seconds, but the third boy (who looked a bit like Dylan) smiled back and handed me his glass. I didn't know his name, I didn't need to. I sat on his lap and took baby sips of his drink while he traced circles on my back with the tip of his finger. Then I took little baby sips of his mouth and still he made patterns on my back. I felt tingly and light-headed. And when he drew back, we smiled at each other and I stood up and walked away. It was so easy.

As I was re-applying my lip gloss, Edie cornered me.

"I thought you and Jack were seeing each other," she said.

I shrugged. "Mum thinks he's a bad influence."

Edie raised her eyebrows at the idea that Jack could ever be a bad influence. "Who was that boy you were kissing?" she demanded.

I smiled dreamily. "Oh Edie, he was just a random boy. Haven't you ever wanted to just kiss someone and not have to do all that awkward talking stuff?"

Edie shook her head. "You can't go round kissing stray boys," she warned darkly. "Kisses always have consequences..."

TO BE CONTINUED...



# jingle hell

Reckon you can make it through Christmas in one piece? Brush up on your seasonal survival skills with J17's big fat quiz...

start here

The school term's

finally over and partying starts here. How many invites have you notched up so far then?

a) Invites? In true 'you' tradition,

there'll be a party wherever you lay your tinsel.

**Move forward 3**

b) Your family's annual Boxing Day knees-up is the hottest bash on your calendar.

**Move forward 1**

Your mates ask you out

to do some last-minute pressie shopping. Do you

a) Hit the high street armed with mistletoe - forget buying, you're shopping for cute lads to snog over the holidays.

**Move forward 1**

b) Politely decline their offer. You've been following an army-style Christmas schedule for the last two months and it can't be compromised. Presents, check. Decorations, check. Christmas cards are next...

**Move forward 2**

Your best mate has

invited you to go skiing for the hols but you've got to pay for it yourself. Do you

a) Get yourself a part-time job, ask for Christmas cash

in advance and do whatever it takes to guarantee you're on that piste.

**Move forward 3**

b) Get yourself a part-time job, skip the skiing and give the cash to charity.

**Move forward 2**

Your mum volunteers

you for a key role in the village festival, spoiling all your holiday plans in one fell swoop. Instead of hanging with your

mates and gearing up for the Christmas sales, you'll be directing a cast of five year olds in the Nativity play. Your Christmas is officially over.

Christmas cake for everyone (and for that guy you fancy to send a text).

**Move forward 1**

b) That *EastEnders* hunk Jack Ryder will dump Hear'Say's Kym Marsh.

**Move forward 2**

You have just one Christmas wish this year.

Is it

a) Peace, love and home-baked

Your mum comes home with a Christmas TV guide for the holidays. You nab it before anyone can get their mitts on it. Do you

a) Make a promise to yourself to avoid all 'quality family time' viewing. *The Sound Of*

Music nearly pushed you over the edge last year.

**Move forward 2**

b) Highlight your TV choices in different colours to indicate their importance. *The Sound Of Music* gets yellow for must, must see...

**Move forward 1**

Which festive decorations do you and your kid bro make to hang on the tree?

a) A selection of iced biscuits that look like Oxide and Neutrino.

**Move forward 1**

b) Cute cotton wool snowmen.

**Move forward 2**

'Tis the season to be jolly. Are you

a) Sporting the reindeer jumper Nan knitted you and listening to Wizzard's *I Wish It Could Christmas Every Day*.

**Move forward 1**

b) Wearing a customised T-shirt with 'Bah Humbug!' splashed across the front and drowning out your mum's Christmas carol CD with Marilyn Manson.

**Move forward 2**





**It's the coldest night of the year. Are you**  
**a)** Under a duvet, drinking hot chocolate and writing a letter to

**Father Christmas. Move forward 1**  
**b)** Cuddled up on the sofa with your boyfriend watching a soppy rom-com. **Move forward 2**

**It's cracker time! You study the box and hope to get**  
**a)** The bracelet. It certainly didn't look plastic in the picture. **Move forward 2**

**b)** The novelty eraser. You've been here before and know not to expect too much. **Move forward 1**

**You've entered the Christmas week from hell. Your grandparents turn up and are on a mission to annoy you. After moaning on about youngsters today, they force**

**you to eat your greens and talk through your fave tunes on MTV. And that's just a day's work. Lock yourself in your room and pretend that Christmas was never invented.**

**You drop the Christmas pudding on the floor. Do you**  
**a)** Keep quiet and serve it - what they don't know won't hurt them, will it? **Move forward 1**

**b)** Offer Christmas cake instead, complimenting the chef on a pudding that's too beautiful to eat. **Move forward 2**

**You're off to sing carols with your local church but know that your money-collecting trail will take you to your crush's 'hood. What do you do?**  
**a)** Get the congregation to pray that he doesn't

answer the door. Belting out *Little Donkey* anywhere else than the privacy of the shower is humiliation enough. **Move forward 1**  
**b)** Stay at home preparing a buffet to reward everyone's hard work. **Move forward 2**

**Your aunt Maude buys you a brown terry-towelling tracksuit. Do you**  
**a)** Smile sweetly and customise it into a pair of sexy, retro hotpants and matching T-shirt. **Move forward 2**

**b)** Immediately express your total horror at such a revolting gift. Then sacrifice all your future present opportunities by setting fire to it in front of your stunned aunt's eyes. **Move forward 1**

**It's your turn to bake the mince pies this year. What do you choose to fill them with?**

**a)** Mincemeat, of course, silly! **Move forward 1**  
**b)** Minced beef, dummy. **Move forward 2**

**Your granddad requests a Monopoly championship but he always cheats. How do you outwit him?**  
**a)** Slip some whisky in his tea. When he starts to nod off while you're considering your

next move (slowly of course), help yourself to a cheeky bank loan! **Move forward 2**  
**b)** Eat his Quality Street favourites. Without these for sustenance, he'll get bored and fall asleep before he's cleaned you out. **Move forward 1**

**You head off to the shopping centre to look for a party dress when you spy your dad dressed as Santa in the grotto. How do you react?**  
**a)** Badly, apparently. You can't remember cos you banged your head hard when you fainted. **Move forward 1**

**b)** Calmly. You cross your fingers that the cellulite in the fairy's tutu doesn't belong to your mother and walk on without looking back. **Move forward 2**  
**c)** Admirably. You demand that Santa hands over wads of cash as compensation for ruining your life. **Move forward 3**

**Your mum asks you to plan a leftovers menu. You're so petrified of being force-fed turkey-based meals until June that you**  
**a)** Put together loads of food hampers for your nan and her mates,

muttering something about helping the elderly. **Move forward 2**  
**b)** Feed all the turkey to your cat, pretending that all the menu planning made you hungry for a massive turkey sarnie. **Move forward 1**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**You have the survival skills to ensure that you make it through alive. Overdosing on grub, being tortured with Christmas tunes and spending more time with your family than is healthy are no**

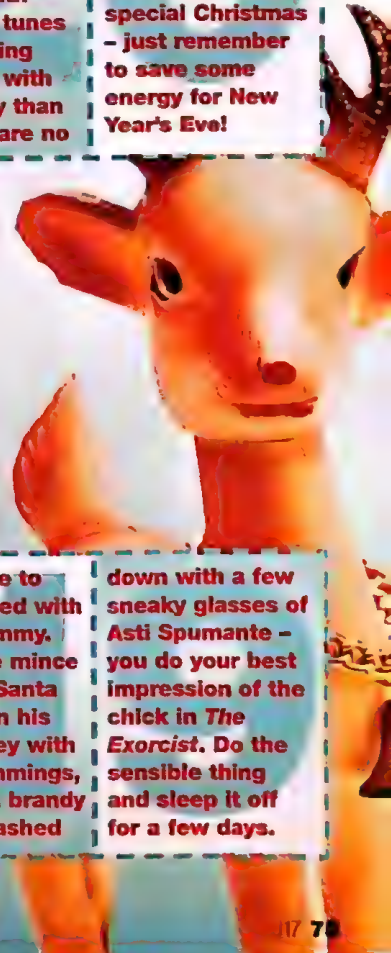
**match for a girl like you. You're the proud owner of the brains, beauty and charm to guarantee that you have a truly special Christmas - just remember to save some energy for New Year's Eve!**

**YOU MADE IT!**



**Take to your bed with an icky tummy. After more mince pies than Santa can stuff in his sack, turkey with all the trimmings, pudding in brandy sauce - washed**

**down with a few sneaky glasses of Asti Spumante - you do your best impression of the chick in *The Exorcist*. Do the sensible thing and sleep it off for a few days.**





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# J-17 fashion & beauty

**Have a ball this Xmas and dare to shop differently!**



# It's a Barbie World

Shop for anything pink with  
eye candy Ken

Styling & concept **Nell Smith**  
Photos **Tony Manero**







**Barbie wears...** Silver hooded top £16 from **Tammy Cat** logo vest top £24 by **Fine** White net skirt £40 by **Diva** Pink fluffy bag £17 from **Benetton** Purple sequinned cuff £4 by **Freedom @ Topshop** Pink tights £4.99 by **Jonathan Aston** White trainers £55 by **Skechers** **Ken wears...** Stripy rollneck jumper £40 from **French Connection**









**Opposite:** Stripy T-shirt with  
frill sleeves £45 from **Paul  
Frank @ Home** 'Have Fun'  
logo knickers (sold as set  
with matching short-sleeved  
T-shirt) £48 by **Get Curly**  
White/gold legwarmers £6  
from **Topshop**  
**This page:** 'Super sexy'  
logo vest £22 by **Pink  
Soda @ Topshop** Pink lace  
top (worn over T-shirt) £30  
by **Diva** Pink frilly tutu £30  
from **Rokit** Pink cords  
(worn underneath skirt) £40  
by **Hooch** Flower choker  
£7 by **Freedom @ Top  
Shop** Chunky pink ring  
£1.99 from **New Look**









**Barbie wears...**

'Princess' logo T-shirt  
£25 by **Pink Soda** •  
**Topshop** White corset  
£45 by **Diva** Black/white  
lace skirt £45 from  
**Topshop** Pink fishnet  
tights £4.99 by  
**Jonathan Aston** Star  
cuff £5 by **Freedom** •  
**Topshop** 'Angel' print  
scarf £7 from **Tammy**  
Pink and black lace bag  
£22 from **Topshop**  
Red/silver trainers £50 by  
**Skechers** Diamanté  
earrings £6.99 from  
**Accessorize** Flower  
hairband from a selection  
at **Claire's Accessories**  
**Ken wears...** Blue tracky  
top £22 from **Top Man**  
White trousers £24.99  
from **H&M** Blue/white  
trainers £60 by **Adidas**  
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£30 by **Kangol**

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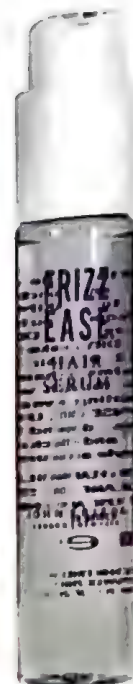
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**The best: shampoo**

You pick your hair type, we pick the best shampoo...

1. Dry hair: **Banana Nourishing Shampoo** £2.50 from **The Body Shop**.
2. Coloured hair: **Andrew Collinge Treat Me Shampoo** £4.50.
3. Greasy: **Paul Mitchell Shampoo One Gentle Cleansing** £4.99.
4. Sensitive and dry: **Healthy Sexy Hair Soy Milk Shampoo** £7.35 – as used by the girls in *Sex And The City*.



**The best: serum**

Despite the mind-boggling choice of serums on the shelves today, the oldest is still the best in our book. Frizz Ease Hair Serum £5.95 from **John Frieda** will last for ages as you only need a tiny amount to tame frizzy locks.

**The best:**



**The best: pick 'n' mix hair products**

Ever splashed a lot of cash on a styling product that you tried once and hated? Good news is **Charles Worthington Take Aways** at Boots start at £1.50, so you can test without busting your bank.



**The best:**

We rate the **Remington Total Performance Chrome Retro 2000** £22.99. It comes with a host of cool features to ensure you have a great hair day – every day!



**The best: hairbrushes and combs**

Did you know that using the right brush for your hair type could turn your hair from a nightmare into your crowning glory? Here are our four faves...

1. In Fashion: **Curling Brush** £6.95 from **Charles Worthington** at Boots.
2. In Fashion: **Straightening Brush** £5.95 from **Charles Worthington** at Boots.
3. Three Row: **Comb** £1.50 from **Denman**.
4. Jungle Babe: **Handbag Brush** £4.95 from **Denman**.



**The best: straightener**

Jen, Maddy and Gwyneth are well-known for being big fans of sleek, poker-straight locks and if this is your current fave look, you'll be well impressed with this new straightener. It not only makes your hair super-smooth, it also comes with a heart stencil, which, when heated, creates funky shapes in your locks. The **Attitude Lasting Impression Straightener & Stencil** £14.99 from **Nicky Clarke** is available at Argos. To finish off, add a dab of **Lee Stafford Poker Straight Glistening Straightening Balm** £4.99 from **Boots**.







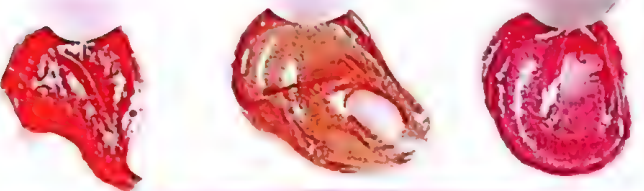
# beauty selecta

Stun 'em this Christmas with our Beauty Ed Lara's hair and make-up must-haves.









The best: lip gloss



The best: lipples

Don't get your lips round anything less...

1. Daring Ultimate Lipstick £6.80 from **Net** - rich colours with real staying power.
2. Cerase Pour Exquises Rouge A Levres £6.78 from **Bourjois** - there are tons of exciting shades and they smell just like rose petals.
3. Mercury Gitter Stick £1.99 from **Spectacular** - if you want really glittery lips, they do the cheapest and best-looking around.
4. New York Apple Lipstick £11 from **Mac** - not only is this make-up brand bang up-to-date with all the trends, but lipsticks stay put.
5. SPF Natural Lip Treat £6.50 from **Colourings at The Body Shop** - really moisturising and contains SPF for protection from sun damage.
6. 17 True Moisture Crème lipstick £1.99 from **Collection 2000** - this lipply doesn't dry out your mouth and it's a bargain price.
7. Nirvana Whisper Light Lipstick £14.50 from **Chanel** - as swanky lipples go, this one's right up there.
8. 174 Lipstick £1.29 from **Miss Sporty @ Superdrug** - we love all their shades and we love the price even more.



The best: lip gadget

Lip Adapter Matt & Brilliant £7.50 from **Colourings at The Body Shop** is a wicked idea. This magic wand comes with two sides: one is a matt lip gloss and the other is a super-shiny bubblegum gloss. Two for the price of one!

The best: run lips

For a laugh with your lipply, try the very cute, multi-coloured Loopy Lips 75p each from **Lloyds Pharmacy**.

The best: for sore lips

We had a little vote round the fashion and beauty department and **Carmex** £2.25 was voted the top lip balm. This little wonder sorts out chapped lips in an instant, leaving them all tingly. Vaseline came a close second - and it's also fab on eyebrows and lashes.



The best: lip tips

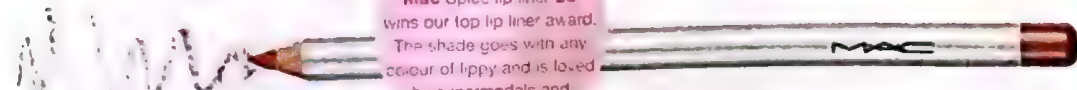
1. If your lips are a bit flaky, apply a smidge of toothpaste to a soft, old toothbrush and gently cushion to remove flaky bits.
2. Wet your lip and blot. This will help make a perfect lipstick look with white.
3. Dust a bit of silver or gold shimmery shadow to the centre of your bottom lip to make it pop.
4. Don't get caught out with lipply on your teeth - stick your little finger in your mouth, form an 'O' and pull your finger out. Any extra lipply will stick to your finger, not your teeth.
5. When you're applying face powder, lightly dust your lips too. This helps you prevent lipstick from bleeding.

The best: long-lasting lipply

We're not big fans of long-lasting lipply as it tends to dry your lips out, but if your pout just has to go the distance, check out Lipfinity £9.99 from **Max Factor**. Apply the colour and wait for it to dry, then add the shiny top coat for extra moisture. (Remove using baby oil or Vaseline.)

The best: lip liner

**Mac Spice** lip liner £9 wins our top lip liner award. The shade goes with any colour of lipply and is loved by supermodels and celebs alike.







### The best brushes

The secret to great slap is a great set of brushes. Here are the seven must-haves...

1. Powder brush - essential for dusting loose powder over your lids. Ensures a good base for applying your eyeshadow. **£16.50 Mister Mascara**
2. Eyeshadow brush - a smaller brush which allows greater precision when applying colour. **£1.99 H&M**
3. Large shadow brush - this is your everyday sweep-your-eyeshadow-on brush. **£13.50 Mister Mascara**
4. Angle brush - good for getting into all those creases. **£3.50 Mister Mascara**
5. Smudger - if you don't like hard lines around your eyes, use your smudger to soften your shadow. **£4 Mister Mascara**
6. Eyebrow comb and brush - keeps unruly brows groomed. **99p H&M**
7. Eyeliner brush - great for drawing accurate lines with liquid eyeliner. **£4 Mister Mascara**



### The best: eye make-up remover

FC: Skin Eye Make-Up Remover **£7.95** from French Connection is fragrance free and gets rid of all types of make-up with one swipe. Best of the rest: Bi-Facil **£14.50** from Lancôme; Eye Make Up Remover **99p** from Superdrug.

### The best: eyelash curler

It's a well-known fact that lashes curl up better with heat, so we've searched out the ultimate Heat Assisted Eyelash Curler **£14.99** from Carmen. Think flashy lashes! For stockists, ring 0161 947 3170.



### The best: eye shadow

Our top four best eye shadows - ever

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



### The best: eye shimmers

All that glitters is... gold, silver, blue, pink - any shade you fancy with Barry M Dazzle Dusts **£3.95** each. Perfect for popping in your handbag.



### The best: mascara

Mascara is fab for plumping up even the spindliest of eyelashes. We pick four of our faves...

1. 1000 Calorie Mascara **£3.95** from H&M. This mascara is a real plumper, giving your lashes a whole new meaning to the word 'dramatic'.
2. L'Oréal Le Grand Curl **£4.99** from L'Oréal. This mascara is a real curler, giving your lashes a whole new meaning to the word 'curly'.
3. Great Lash Mascara **£3.95** from H&M. This mascara is a real plumper, giving your lashes a whole new meaning to the word 'dramatic'.
4. Colourinics Mascara **£3.95** from Colourinics. This mascara is a real plumper, giving your lashes a whole new meaning to the word 'dramatic'.

### The best: eye cream

This swanky Paint **£12** from Mac gives a whole new meaning to art - you only need a tiny squirt and voila! Your eyes are a true masterpiece!



### The best: eye palette

It's worth saving up for: Holiday Aqualumière from Chanel **£24.50** - it's for eyes, lips and cheeks - and the sleek compact will impress your mates!











★ Patterned denim jacket £70, trousers £70 both from **Teddy Smith** ♥ Yellow sequinned top £24.99 from **Rise** ♥ Gold hoop earrings £11 for three pairs, circular drop necklace £1 both from **Clair's Accessories** ♥ Diamante necklace £15.99 by **Joanna Debenhams** ♥ Small circular earrings £25 by **Mikey** ♥ Gold single row diamante necklace £22 by **Asati** ♥ Square gold bracelet £5.99, gold diamante bracelet £5.99 both from **Mood @ Debenhams** ♥ Gold charm bracelet style no. JP19232 £16 from **Mikey @ Freemans Catalogue** ♥ Gold and pink diamante bracelet £20 from **Mikey** ♥ Slim gold watch £80 from **French Connection**



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# Gold Rush

Hit the shops for glitzy, glamorous party gear.  
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♥ Pale denim jacket £69 from **Arrogant Cat** ♥ Sequined top £24.99 from **Rise** ♥ Black leather skirt £165 from **French Connection** ♥ Green bag with dollar logo £70 from **Paul Frank** ♥ Diamanté earrings £9.99 by **Mood @ Debenhams** ♥ Purple spotty tights £6.99 from **Jonathan Aston** ♥ Wide gold bracelet £20 from **Mikey** ♥ Gold bangles £2.99 from **Tammy** ♥ Gold chain belt £8 from **Claire's Accessories** ♥ Gold link necklace style no: JA 18832 £25 from **Freemans Catalogue** ♥ Chain necklaces and bracelets as before



★  
 Red sequin top with sequin  
 Union Jack top from Pink Soda ●  
 Topshop ● Halterneck top  
 £12 from Topshop ● Gold jeans £95  
 from ASDA ● Animal-print  
 boots £59.92 £75 from  
 Merve ● Gold  
 sequin belt £10 from charity  
 shop ● (worn as bracelet)  
 £10, gold earrings £2.50 both  
 from Primark ● Topshop ● Other  
 bracelets as before ● Gold belt £5  
 from Claire's Accessories



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Long denim coat £169 by  
Arrogant Cat • Striped skirt £22  
by Dora • Pink sleeveless polo  
neck-jumper £90 by Neugart  
Black leather chaps £149 by  
Arrogant Cat • Black riding boots  
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See *Style Detectives* on p114  
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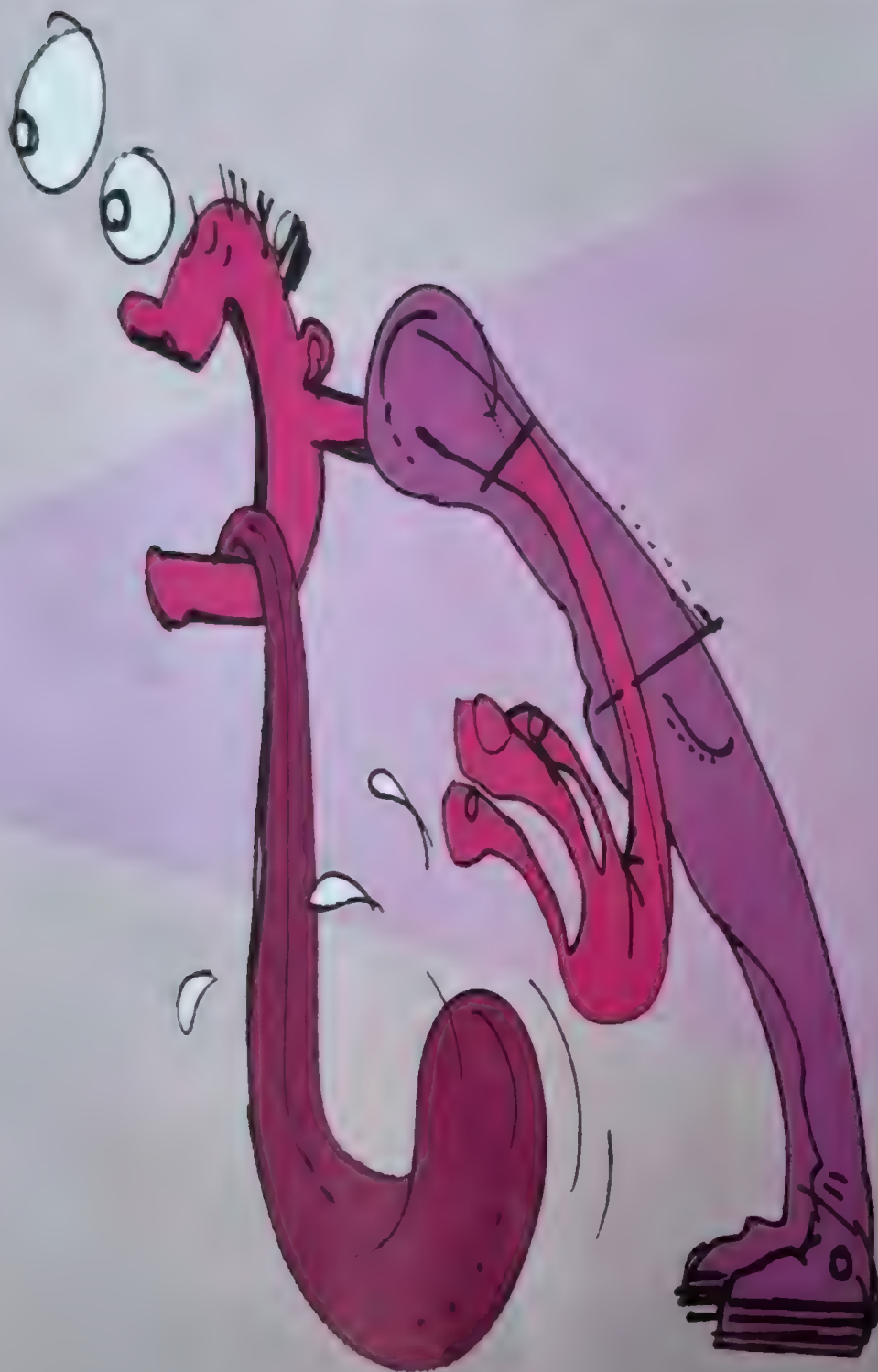
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How can I control <sup>him</sup> <sub>him</sub> <sub>him</sub> <sub>him</sub> <sub>him</sub>  
 in the heat of the moment?



Guys are all very well. But blimey, do they get carried away.

Mention Euro 2000 and they're likely to cry. Take them to a club and they'll think the sun shines out of your you-know-where. And if you snog them, well, who knows what will happen?

You, that's who.

Because you should only go further if you really want to.

If you're not ready for sex, that's your own decision, and even that horny boyfriend of yours will respect you for your maturity if he's got his head screwed on. In fact, if he loves you, he'll want to wait 'til you're ready.

Chances are, most of your friends are waiting too (despite what they may claim), as the majority of girls don't have sex until they are at least seventeen. Some wait considerably longer.

So if you're not sure, tell him so, lovingly but firmly.

A 'No' now will make the 'Yes yes, yes!' much better when the time comes.

**sex**

Are you thinking about it enough?

If you're under 18 and need advice about sex or contraception, phone Sexwise on 0800 28 29 30 or visit us at [www.ruthinking.co.uk](http://www.ruthinking.co.uk). The call is free and confidential. Textphone (for people with hearing impairments) 0800 328 1651.



Don't let your problems get you down – drop a line to one of J17's experts...

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## Boy stuff

Nick Fisher has been an agony uncle for over ten years, working on J17, radio and TV. He's written six books on teen issues

### Age gap dilemma

I'm 17 and I've been seeing this guy who's 30 for a while. When it's just the two of us we have a great time together. But when his mates are around he seems embarrassed by me. He sometimes tells me I'm too young and we should call it a day, but then he tells me he loves me when we have sex. Help.

#### Atomic Kitten fan

**He is embarrassed by you. Why?**

**Because he's 13 years older than you! Sure, everything seems to make sense when he's in bed with you – alone. But when he's out in the real world, the stark reality of your massive age gap comes crashing home. He knows it's not right. That's why he panics and pulls an 'Oh, you're too young' number. Truth is, you're never going to be secure in this relationship because he's never going to be sure about it. You can end it now and save yourself some pain later. Or ride it out to the bitter end. And trust me – the end will be sad and bitter.**

### Dancing disaster

I know it shouldn't be a big deal but I'm so embarrassed by my boyfriend's dancing – he looks like a *Thunderbird* puppet he's so stiff. I couldn't believe it the first time we went to a club together – he was so bad I was tempted to finish with him. We get on so well in every other way, but my mates all really laugh at him and I now avoid going clubbing with him.

#### Ricky Martin fan

**Well he ain't gonna turn into Mr Slick-Hips overnight, that's for sure. But just because he dances like Scott Tracy now, doesn't mean he always will.**

**Especially not if you give him a few gentle pointers. Should the fact that his dancing makes your mates laugh relegate him to the list of potential dumppees?**

**Seems a bit cruel to me. If you've got so many other things you enjoy doing together, it would be senseless to scrap him for being a bit foot-faulty on the dance floor. A good man is hard to find. A good man who can also dance is practically a fantasy.**

### Let's hear it from the boys SHE'S TOO BIG

There's this girl in my year who's made it obvious she fancies me and from what I've seen she's got a nice personality. I must be the only guy to have this problem, but I don't want to go out with her because her boobs are too big. I like girls with much smaller breasts. My mates say I'm just being a chicken and making excuses. Should I go out with her and hope I can get more enthusiastic about her breasts as time goes on?

#### EastEnders fan (17)

**Hey, don't force yourself! If her chest is such a big obstacle to overcome, then do her a favour and save her the heartache. And let's be practical about this, if the size, shape or prominence of her breasts is such a big deal to you, then you aren't really considering her as a person. All in all, I'd say she'd be better off without you making her life, confidence and reputation a misery. I mean, how would you feel if she was writing to me deliberating about whether or not she should go out with you based on the inadequate size of your todger?**

### Spill it, boys

**If you were a girl for just one day, what would you do?**



**"I'd sit in the bath looking at my body, then I'd have a slumber party in the evening with my friends. They're the two things I wish I could do with girls, but girls will never let me!"**

**Paolo Fanucci, 15**



**"I'd have a girlie night out with all the girls in my year and get them to give me tips on how they like boys to treat them. Then I'd use the tips the next day to pull them."**

**Tom Esam, 15**



**"If I was a girl it'd be really good fun to flirt with all the desperate blokes, and get presents off them! I would definitely use my femininity to my advantage – that's what girls always do to us."**

**Charlie Lovell, 14**



### J17 Brook advice lines

Calls are charged at the normal rate

**Missed a period?**  
020 7617 8005

**Emergency (after sex) contraception**  
020 7617 8006

**Information on abortion**  
020 7617 8007

**Information on contraception**  
020 7617 8008

**Are you ready for sex?**  
020 7617 8009

**The condom line**  
020 7617 8019

**Visiting a Brook Centre**  
020 7617 8010

**Brook Centre Freephone**  
0800 0185 023





## Sex and bodies

Dr Jo Tully is a paediatrician with years of experience of teen health problems. Felicity Young is an experienced nurse practitioner who works in sexual health and family planning services for young people

### Painful pee

I've been having sex with my boyfriend for about two months and we always use protection. Lately I have felt a slight burning sensation when I go to the toilet. My vagina isn't sore or itchy, so I don't think it's an STI. What is it?

#### Deftones fan (15)

**Jo:** You say you're using protection, but only condoms will protect you against sexually transmitted infections (STIs). If you are just taking the Pill then you are at risk of catching an STI – one of the symptoms of which can be this burning sensation when you pee. If you're not sure, get it checked out by your GP or local family planning clinic.

However, it's more likely that you've got cystitis – when your bladder and urethra (the passage through which urine passes) becomes infected. This is very common, especially in sexually active women, but it is not an STI. It happens because the vagina is very close to the urethra, so bacteria can easily pass from one to the other, especially during sex.

You can buy over-the-counter treatments from any chemist (your GP can recommend one), although in some cases you may need a course of antibiotics to get rid of the infection. On the whole, drinking cranberry juice or plenty of water should shift it.

### Stretched skin

I've got really unsightly stretch marks on my thighs, hips and arms. I'm a size 12 and not overweight. My doctor suggested some creams, but they haven't

worked. Why have I got them? Please help.

#### Desperate (17), Wiltshire

**Jo:** Stretch marks are produced during periods of rapid growth, for example during puberty.

They are most commonly found on the bottom, thighs, stomach and breasts, and although they are often reddish when they first appear, they will fade over time to become faint silvery lines that are barely visible. They are extremely common and most women will be able to find one or two somewhere on their body.

The bad news is that there's very little you can do about them. I'm afraid that creams and lotions will not get rid of them. How about trying to cover them up with some fake tan – that way you get to wear those skimpy clothes and look fantastic!

### Late starter

I'm really worried because I'm 15 and I haven't started my periods yet. Am I normal or is there something wrong with me?

#### Worried, Cambridge

**Felicity:** The age at which you start your period will depend on several factors, including how much you weigh, how well you eat, what exercise you do and at what age other women in your family started their periods.

It is highly unlikely there is anything wrong with you. However, if you find your periods haven't started within the next year or two, then it may be worth discussing with your GP, who can arrange blood tests to check your hormone levels and carry out other investigations.

### Reader rehab How can I finish it?

I want to end it with my boyfriend of nine months. I still want to be his friend. How can I stop seeing him without hurting him too much?

#### Jodie (15), London

I'm sure that if you explain to him that your friendship means so much to you, even though you don't want to date him any more, he will understand.

#### Rebecca (15), London

### You answer: I want to say yes

My mate's boyfriend has asked me out. I've known this girl for a long time but we're not best mates. He says they're going to split up soon. I really like him – should I see him?

#### Kayleigh (15), Sunderland

Send your words of wisdom about the above problem to Reader Rehab at the usual J17 address.



### The FPA's contraception helpline

(Open 9am to 7pm, Mon-Fri)  
0845 310 1334

### Other useful numbers

Calls charged at the normal rate unless they start 0800, in which case they're free and won't show on your phone bill

**National AIDS Helpline**  
0800 567 123

**Lesbian and Gay Switchboard**  
020 7837 8046

**Rape Crisis**  
020 7837 1600

**Sexwise**  
Free confidential advice on sex, relationships and contraception (7am to midnight)  
0800 28 29 30  
or log on to [www.ruthinking.co.uk](http://www.ruthinking.co.uk), 24 hours a day

**Eating Disorders Association**  
01603 765 050 (for 18s and under)  
01603 621 414 (general number)

**J17 Tampax helplines**  
(Calls charged at the normal rate)

**Coping with your first period**  
020 7617 8045

**Periods – the facts**  
020 7617 8046

**Painful periods**  
020 7617 8048

**Toxic shock syndrome**  
020 7617 8049



### Win win win!!!

[www.ruthinking.co.uk](http://www.ruthinking.co.uk), the website for free and confidential advice on sex, relationships and contraception, has got five goody bags up for grabs. Each one includes a Polaroid i-Zone camera, Niofax, Claire's Accessories goodies, Tommy Hilfiger Body Lotion and more! To win just call 08013 803 770!

\*Cash prize approx 250. Please ask permission of the person who pays the phone bill. Or pop your name and address on a postcard and send it to: J17, 100 Victoria Road, London W12 0JF. Closing date: 15 January 2002.





"I have plenty of imperfections but I'm not going to say what they are. The trick is not to tell anyone, because you can guarantee that nobody else has noticed."

Cat Deeley



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## Mate or date?

You've got off with each other a few times – but are you a hot item or is it just a casual fling?

Answer Yes or No to the following scenarios:

- You're off school with flu – does he text you twice a day?
- Does he hold your hand, even when his mates are around?
- Tarty Tina's wearing a see-through top – does he join the chorus of 'phwoars' in front of you?
- His pal's having a party – is it a given that you're going?
- You're having a nightmare with your mates – do you tell him all about it?
- He's acting like a fool – do you give him hell?
- Your parents want to meet him – do you invite him over?
- It's Christmas day – do you expect a pressie from him?

Now, count up your yes answers... 0-3 Sorry but you're not his girlfriend. That's not to say you never will be, but you've a way to go before you're official. 4-5 This has potential. Try nudging him in the right direction and you may well be promoted to other-half status. 6-8 Hell, why are you even doing this quiz? He's crazy about you, so stop messing around and get stuck in with your boyfriend!

J17 promotion

## TAMPAX®

**I'm sure it will get lost**

I am 14 and I've just started my periods. I'd love to try Tampax tampons, but I don't know how far to insert one. I'm scared that if the tampon went in too high it would get lost inside me and then I would never get it out. How high up should it go?

**Rachel, Herts**

This is a really common concern, but you shouldn't worry about it. A tampon will safely stay inside the vagina because there is nowhere else for it to go – the opening of the cervix is far too tiny, it's about the size of a pinhead. Slide a tampon in as far as it will comfortably go. If it isn't inserted high enough, the muscles at the opening of the vagina can clench awkwardly around the tampon, causing discomfort. But positioned correctly you won't even know it's there.

A good tampon to start using is the Tampax Mini Applicator tampon. These tampons are really comfortable to wear and give you superior internal protection. They have a slender, smooth cardboard applicator that has been specially designed to help you guide the tampon into exactly the right place. And remember – all tampons have a removal cord so all it takes is a gentle pull on the string to ease it out. Sorted!

For further information check out [www.beinggrrl.co.uk](http://www.beinggrrl.co.uk). For a free Tampax Mini Sample, please write to: J17/Tampax Offer, Code J020TX, Dept 412, PO Box 10, Diss, Norfolk IP20 1SP.





"I climbed the ladder of success, I look down and there's no-one there but me. Where are my friends?"

Katie Perkins, 17, says she's never been as confident as she is now.

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Melissa

## Friends and family

Melissa Roske is a ChildLine-trained counsellor who's been writing articles on relationships and sexual health for over ten years

### Mum's too strict

I'm 17 and my mother is painfully strict with me. I'm not allowed to do anything, and if I ask her to let me, she screams at me until I cry. What hurts the most is that she expects me to respect her, yet she has no respect for me.

#### Miserable, Devon

I'm sorry you're having such a hard time with your mum. From her point of view she probably thinks that you expect too much freedom, at too young an age. Think about it: at 17, it's likely that she wasn't given much freedom by her own mum.

That's why she doesn't know how to give you the space you need, or how to treat you like an equal. This is very frustrating.

If you can, sit down with your mum – preferably at a time when you're not at odds with each other – and tell her exactly what you told me. It might also help if you demonstrate how mature and responsible you are (helping out around the house is sure to win serious points). Once she sees how anxious you are to pitch in perhaps she'll slacken her tight hold on you. Good luck!

### They know I'm bi

A few weeks ago I told some of my friends that I thought I was bisexual. I was drunk at the time and didn't realise what I was saying. My mates are now acting weird around me. It's really getting me down, and I'm confused about my feelings.

#### Unsure Angelina Jolie fan (15)

Under different circumstances, confiding in your friends might have been no big deal. The problem is, you chose a less-than-ideal moment to let it all

hang out. That's why your pals are acting so weird; they don't know how to react.

The thing is, what's done is done. Let the dust settle and then, if you want, take your friends to one side and have a quiet chat with them. It's perfectly normal to feel confused about your sexuality – after all, at 15 you're still developing – so don't put any unnecessary pressure on yourself. And next time, be careful what you tell your mates when you're drunk.

### I want to find my dad

I'm 16 and I've never met my dad. He doesn't even know I exist. I want to know him so badly, but my mum just says: "We've done fine without a man for this long, why do we need one now?" She doesn't understand how I feel. Please help.

#### Anon

There might be good reasons why your mum isn't forthcoming about your dad. She could be trying to protect you from more pain, plus there may be legal and safety issues concerned. But that doesn't make your desire to want to know your father any less important. Although you can't force your mum to open up, you can explain how much this means to you. If she isn't able or willing to help, perhaps she can direct you to another relative who can. If nothing turns up, at the age of 18 you might consider taking further action, when you are legally entitled to examine your birth certificate and public records on your own. Meantime, remain optimistic but realistic.



### Useful numbers

Calls charged at the normal rate unless they start 0800, in which case they're free and won't show on your phone bill

#### Al-Anon

For friends/family of alcoholics

#### or Alateen

For anyone over 12 suffering from alcohol problems

020 7403 0888

#### Anti-Bullying Campaign

020 7378 1446

#### Caroline

Information and advice on any subject

020 8514 1177

#### ChildLine

0800 1111

#### Youth 2 Youth

020 8896 3675

#### Get Connected

Will find the best place in the UK that can help, whatever the problem. (1pm to 11pm)

0808 808 4994

#### National Drugs Helpline

0800 77 66 00

#### The Samaritans

Open 24 hours to anyone feeling desperate

0345 90 90 90

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## Party Tricks

### 5 ways to make a killer impact at those Christmas parties

- **Have no fear.** If you work yourself into a panic, you'll give off all the wrong signals. "Negative thoughts have negative outcomes," warns Gladeana McMahon, author of *Confidence Works*. "Instead, think about all the exciting possibilities to kick-start your confidence."
- **Dress for comfort.** There's no point donning the sassiest little number in Topshop if you feel like a muppet in it. "Feeling comfortable – physically and mentally – will relax you," says Gladeana.
- **Walk the walk.** "Slouching around with a downcast look gives the impression you're bored, nervous, or really unapproachable," says Gladeana. "Stand tall and smile to ooze confidence."
- **Talk the talk.** Don't run yourself down. Accept compliments gracefully. If you sound confident, other people will pick up on it.
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## McVey's way

Dom's words of wisdom on moving onwards and upwards! E-mail him at [dom@mcveysway.com](mailto:dom@mcveysway.com)

**E**ver get that feeling, after spending loadsa cash, that you should have got more for your money? When your parents buy a new car they get perks, like a free stereo and insurance, but we don't even get a smile from the shop assistant when we part with our pounds! Or wouldn't it be good if, after buying something, you then got a free club membership and received news and discounts in the future? I reckon this would make us feel a lot happier about parting with our readies.

At the end of the day, it all boils down to customer relations. The business world is all about wining and dining, so why isn't the consumer world? We'd all live in a happier place if customer relations were stronger. My advice is, be good to your friends and treat them like a business. The better you do business, the better you do friends! And if any companies want to tell me about their loyalty and smile guarantee, I'm listening...

## Job hunting

**I want to be a teacher when I'm older but everyone tells me I have to train for years. Is it worth it?**

**Ellen (14) Cornwall**

First off, you need good GCSEs and then you'll need to go to uni. You can either do a BEd course if you know you definitely want to be a teacher (this takes four years), or do a vocational degree in say, History, then a one-year PGCE course and become a History teacher (four years in total, too). After you've been in your first job for a year, and passed all the assessments, you're finally awarded qualified teacher status (QTS). As to whether it's worth it or not, that's something only you can decide. It's great job satisfaction, despite the pay. Why not ask your teacher's opinion?

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**TIME OF THE WEEK**

UK TOP 40 CHART HITS	
72340	Merry Christmas everybody
10612	Because I got high
10496	Fallin'
10580	Rapture
10574	In real
10555	Hey Baby (Uhuh, Ahh)
10551	Bohemian like you
10556	Can't get you out of my head
10474	Emotion
10585	What would you do
10660	Closer to me
10463	One night stand
10547	Family Affair
10537	I'm a slave for you
10563	Don't need the sun to shine
10594	Smooth Criminal
10590	Follow me
10614	You rock my world
10456	Boiler 3 Faith
10582	That day
10593	In the end
10584	Charmination
10630	You got it bad
10684	Letter 2 my unborn
10628	Would you be happier
10633	Party hard
10561	Flamenco
10687	Are you lookin' at me
10685	Left behind
10666	Love 'n' hip
10594	Chop Suey!
10644	Sambaroca
10634	Homonix No.5
10634	Stade
10634	Adriean
10634	Alisa Keys
10634	BO
10634	Jaumeir Lopez
10634	Di Orai
10634	The Dandy Warhols
10634	Kylie Minogue
10634	Destiny's Child
10634	City High
10634	Fen
10634	Wile-Boon
10634	Family's Edge
10634	Brianny Spears
10634	Gabriel
10634	Alien Ant Farm
10634	Uncle Arcker
10634	Michael Jackson
10634	Limp Bizkit
10634	Madoka Imbriglin
10634	Larkin Park
10634	Steps
10634	Usher
10634	2 Pac
10634	The Corrs
10634	Andrew Nik
10634	The O'Jays
10634	Kicky Tomkinson
10634	Slimnot
10634	Jo Rale
10634	System Of A Down
10634	Whiteboys
10634	Rob the Butler

16664 17:30 Crazy  
16687 Starlight  
16586 Thinking it over  
16618 The legacy  
16665 Rock the house  
16489 Fort Fun  
16684 Sweet Swan  
16578 Love me, Love me  
**INTERNATIONAL TOP**  
16645 The black party  
16554 Set you free  
16605 2 people  
16647 123 (H.I.A.L.)  
16529 Bad boy for life  
16551 Hunter  
16770 You're my party  
16526 Where the night at  
16647 I want love  
16644 Loving you (Ole Ole Ole)  
16642 Poppy love  
16629 Island in the sun  
16646 Course love  
16641 Megamix  
16643 Drowning  
16643 Highway around the world  
16647 Eternal Flame  
16553 Baby come on over  
16674 Let's dance  
16633 The doves (Island)  
16580 Love, Peace & Tolerance  
16634 Dancing Around the moon  
16529 Hills and Inland and honey  
16619 Just a kiss  
16618 Take me home  
16496 Bionic/Beats

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Liberty  
Punk  
Gorillaz  
Sum 41  
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Shaggy feat. S. Cotto  
**HART HITS**  
Lisa Left Eye Lopez  
Hi-Tracks  
Juni Jacques Smoothie  
Jay Z  
P.Diddy & The Bad Boy  
D'Vice  
Night Said Fred  
Jagged Edge  
Elton John  
B.R. Harvey & The R.C.  
Lip Bar Wow feat. J.E.  
Woofer  
Guns N' Cru  
Flowerless  
Backstreet Boys  
A\*Teens  
Atomic Kitten  
Samantha Mumba  
Five  
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 92397 Independence Day  
 92397 The "X" Files  
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 92399 Jungle Book  
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 10359 Peter Pan  
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 10062 Beverly Hills 90210  
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 92395 The Simpsons  
 92395 Postman Pat  
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28369	The Rock
28371	Kim Shammock
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28364	The Undertaker
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28375	Val Jennis
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	
28362	We wish you a merry Christmas
28364	Remember Christmas
28382	Let it snow, let it snow
28381	Jingle Bells
28347	White Christmas
28340	Santa Claus is coming to town
28351	Frosty the snowman
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	
28396	Colonel Bogey
28397	Bute, Britanna!
28398	You'll never make alone
<b>ALL TIME FAVOURITE</b>	
28323	Angels
28321	USA - National Hymn
28319	Happy Birthday
28317	Another one bites the dust
19137	Let it be
29145	We are the champions
29123	Forever Young
29175	Englishman in New York
29198	Candle in the wind
29147	Final Countdown
28305	Yellow Submarine
28210	Piano Man
10992	Yesterday

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 X-mas song  
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 Dean Martin  
 Frank Sinatra  
 King Crosby  
 Jackson 5  
 X-mas song  
 Football hymn  
 Football hymn  
 Football hymn  
 Robbie Williams  
 Popular melody  
 Popular melody  
 Queen  
 The Beatles  
 Queen  
 Alphaville  
 Sting  
 Sir Elton John  
 Europe  
 The Beatles  
 Billy Joel  
 The Beatles

## CHRISTMAS

20352	We wish you a merry Christmas
20344	Wonderful Christmastime
20342	Let it snow, let it snow
20301	Jingle Bells
20340	White Christmas
20347	Santa Claus is coming to town
20351	Frosty the snowman

## FOOTBALL

20306 Colonel Bogey  
20307 Rule, Britannia!  
20308 You'll never walk alone

## ALL TIME FAVOURITES

20203	Angels
20221	USA - National Hymn
20319	Happy Birthday
20137	Another one bites the dust
10137	Let it be
20143	We are the Champions
20125	Forever Young
20195	Englishman in New York
10078	Candle in the wind
20147	Final Countdown
20305	Yellow Submarine
20210	Piano Man
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1994

X-mas song  
Paul McCartney  
Dean Martin  
Frank Sinatra  
Bing Crosby  
Jackson 5  
X-mas song

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Football hymn  
Football hymn  
Football hymn

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Robbie Williams  
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like a Heist for this month's fantasy  
adventure, *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*. One you  
say it looks even better than *Harry Potter*.

# Stayin' in Goin' out

**Film Music TV Games  
Vids Books Webs**

Nick on being the cute, blond  
one from Backstreet Boys; Xmas  
telly sorted; Paul Walker buckles  
up for a ride from Hell...



# Have a Bubblegum Christmas!

Send some fun festive sparkle to your mates this Christmas with Bubblegum's cool cards and let them know what you really think of 'em!

**D**ecisions, decisions. With Christmas on its way, you'll have some tough choices to make: should you ask for the DVD player or the digital camera? Next, you'll have the job of deciding what pressies

and cards to get your mates. But with Bubblegum's wicked range of cards, moby cases, pocket books, stickers, cool cakes and more it'll be easy! With a character to suit each of your gang, all you have to do is match one up to each mate.

## Who's who?

Are groovy chick pyjamas the perfect pressie for your mate, or does a flippin' mental card have her name on it? It's going to be a tough job making your mind up.



### Groovy Chick

**Catch-phrase:** "I met Liam/Fran/Andrew WK at a gig on Saturday."  
**Hobby:** Hanging in coffee shops with guitar-strummin' indie boys.  
**Fave thing:** Her baby-blue cord fangs.  
**Anthem:** Last Night by The Strokes



### Cool Dude

**Catch-phrase:** "Chill out, sista. Everything's, like, totally cool!"  
**Hobby:** Shopping for vintage clothes at markets.  
**Fave things:** Old-skool-style Adidas trainers.  
**Anthem:** An underground hardcore remix of the Beatles' All You Need Is Love



### Flippin' Mental

**Catch-phrase:** "Mad fer it!"  
**Hobby:** Adrenaline-fuelled Xtreme sports.  
**Fave thing:** A battered copy of Jack Kerouac's *On The Road*.  
**Anthem:** Mike Flowers Pops version of Wonderwall

## Disco Diva

**Catch-phrase:** "You just don't understand Gen Halliwell's musical genius!"  
**Hobby:** Dancing round her bedroom and singing into her hairbrush.  
**Fave thing:** Lip gloss and cheesy pop.  
**Anthem:** Don't Stop Moving by S Club 7

## Figure out your friendship

Not everyone is clued up enough to know that Bubblegum cards are the way forward when it comes to Cnmba and you might not be lucky enough to receive a Bubblegum character card of your own. So what do other cards say about your relationship with the people who send them?

### A cartoon Santa

**From:** The geeky boy you sit next to in science. He slipped this card in between your biology textbook when you weren't looking cos he's too shy to speak to you.

### An old-fashioned robin on a snow-topped branch

**From:** Your oldest acquaintance. You've known each other forever cos your mum is her mum's best friend but you wouldn't be seen out in public together.

### A glittery Christmas tree

**From:** Miss Popular at school. She sends expensive gaudy cards to everyone in school (even the teachers) to guarantee she'll still be the most popular girl after the Christmas holidays.

### A Nativity scene

**From:** Your nan. You get a religious card from her every year cos she's worried about your obsession with Marilyn Manson.

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# comic strip

## joy ride (15)

Can life get any J17's take on this  
loose canon of a brother Fuller car-chase thriller



**Starring Paul Walker, Steve Zahn, Leelee Sobieski**

OK, so it may look like Paul Walker's hermetically sealed to his car seats, but believe us, this

is no *Fast And Furious*. Lewis (Walker) and his loose canon of a brother Fuller (Zahn) and friend Venna (Sobieski) are taking the long drive back from college when Fuller decides to use

their CB radio to play a practical joke on a lone trucker. But this lorry lad does NOT get the joke and the three find themselves being hunted down by a psycho trucker. ■■■■■

## top xmas videos

Too cold, too broke to head for the cinema? Thank Santa for videos to entertain you...

**high heels and low lifes (15)**  
Minnie Driver, Mary McCormack  
Real-life best mates Minnie and Mary star, as Shannon and Frances in this London-based crime caper. *Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels* it ain't, but it's good to see the girls calling the shots. ■■■■



**jodie and the pussycats (PG)**  
Rachael Leigh Cook, Tara Reid, Rosario Dawson  
Rachael Leigh Cook plays Jodie, who forms a band with two equally talented gal pals, only to find that the Big Time is littered with pitfalls. Out to rent 17 Dec. ■■■■



**it's a wonderful life (U)**  
James Stewart, Donna Reed  
If it's real Christmas spirit you're after, the oldies are still the best: it's Christmas Eve and George Bailey is thinking of ending it all (you'll have to watch to find out why). Lucky for him his guardian angel shows up. But can he change James' mind? Out to rent and buy now. ■■■■■



**rush hour 2 (12)**  
Jackie Chan, Chris Rock  
The two cops are back in Hong Kong, interfering ring in Hong Kong. ■■■■



**late night shopping (15)**  
Liam Neeson, James Van Der Beek, Kate Winslet  
Dark, dry and passably funny account of four 20-somethings who spend time off sitting in a cafe musing on the possibilities of life and love. Real joy. Out to rent 17 Dec. ■■■■



**cats and dogs (PG)**  
Jeff Goldblum, Elizabeth Berkley  
A cat and a dog are the only ones who can see each other. (And we thought that they were just house-pet pals). Good story, but the cat is a bit of a pain. Out to rent 17 Dec. ■■■■





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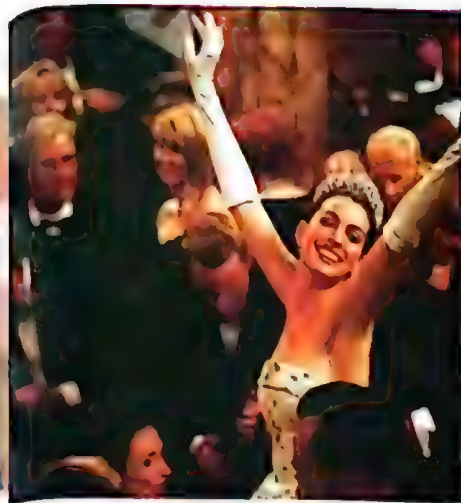
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## rock star (15)

Starring Jennifer Aniston, Mark Wahlberg

Marky Mark and Jen just don't cut it in this rags-to-rock star rom-com. Chris Cole (Wahlberg) was born to rock and his girlfriend Emily (Aniston) believes his talent could take him all the way. He worships heavy metal legends Steel Dragon and can't believe his luck when the band ask him to become their new lead singer – he goes from rock fan to rock God overnight. More *Spinal Tap* than *Almost Famous*, *Rock Star* comes complete with some guitar-slamming, stage-thrashing 80s choons where Wahlberg really gets to showcase his vocal talent. But ultimately you'll come away more disappointed than delirious.



## serendipity (TBC)

Starring Kate Beckinsale, John Cusack

At this time of year, those nice folk at your local multiplex always like to put on a cosy, winter-warmer of a movie. Enter *Serendipity*, a film about fate, destiny and finding the right pair of gloves. Jonathan Trager (Cusack) and Sara Thomas (Beckinsale) are doing last-minute Christmas shopping when their eyes meet over a crowded shop floor – and the chemistry's instant. Only trouble is, Sara believes in destiny. So they part that night without exchanging numbers and decide to let fate take its course. But will they ever meet again? This even had some of us stone-hearted J17ers sniffing by the end.



## princess diaries (U)

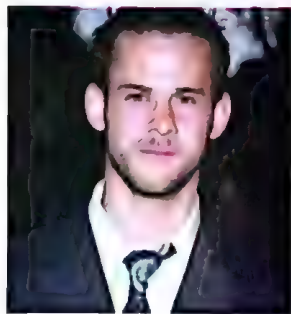
Starring Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews, Heather Graham, Mandy Moore, Robert Schwartzman

The plot is every little girl's dream: geeky kid who doesn't fit in at her posh private school discovers her long-absent dad was Prince of Genovia and she's inherited the throne. As you do. We're all suckers for 'good ol' fashioned geek-to-chic transformation, but this one falls flat on its perfectly powdered little ace. And it ain't helped by the likes of Julie Andrews as the Queen (no, really), who plays the part like she's about to burst into a rendition of "The hills are alive with the sound of music". Painful stuff, saved only by the cute Robert Schwartzman.



## lord of the rings

Behind the scenes on one of the year's biggest movies with Dominic Monaghan



The classic Tolkien tale of hobbits and elves is coming to a cinema near you in spectacular fantasy stylee. Dominic Monaghan, who plays Meriadoc Brandybuck, tells us what it was like to be involved in the next big thing to *Harry Potter*...

### What was the best thing about making the film?

The fact that we all went through this incredible experi-

ence together. I made some great friends – Billy Boyd [who plays Pippin], Ian McKellen [Gandalf the Grey] and Orlando Bloom [Legolas Greenleaf]. I also became very good friends with Sean Bean [Boromir] – he's bonkers, you know!

### So did you hang out with Liv Tyler at all?

Yeah, we became really good mates – I think cos her fiancé's from Leeds and I'm from Manchester. We hung out in the bars in Wellington, New Zealand. She's great.

### Were your mates really jealous?

Yeah I think they were a bit, but a couple of them got to meet her cos they were out

there at the same time. Even though Liv has had an exceptional life and done things that most people her age haven't, at the end of the day she's still just a normal girl, you know.

### Are you looking forward to being a megastar?

I don't really know what comes with it. It's never happened to me before and it's not something I've always gone crazy for. The reason I act is because I like acting; it's not because I ever wanted to be famous. But if it happens, then it happens and I'm sure I'll enjoy it.

**Lord Of The Rings is at cinemas nationwide from 19 December**



## riding in cars with boys (PG)

Starring Drew Barrymore, Adam Garcia, Brittany Murphy, Steve Zahn

Drew is brilliant in this true story about 15-year-old, grade-A student Beverly, pregnant by good-natured junkie Ray (Steve). But this is the 60s so Bev is forced to give up college dreams and set up home with an unwanted husband and child, and only her best friend (Brittany Murphy, soon to be seen as Kim in Eminem's flick) to keep her sane. This is really well acted, but can't help descending into too much schmalz for our liking.





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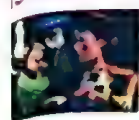
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# Have a Telly Merry Christmas

spend some time chillin' with your folks (and a good vid of course) and the goodwill might just pay off – in the form of extra pressies!

## 15 December: Keep it in the family



You know you're gonna have to spend quality time with the relatives over Christmas, so you may as well make it

enjoyable. Catch *Toy Story 2* with the whole brood – Woody is kidnapped by a greedy toy collector and Buzz Lightyear is challenged by evil Buzz – max laughs guaranteed. 6pm and 7pm, Disney Channel (and 9pm, Christmas Day)

## 18 December: Follow our cunning plan...



Share the sofa with the most ancient relative camping out in your house and settle down to watch *Becoming Britney Spears* as a fan gets to sample Ms Spears' life, though sadly she doesn't get to have a go at Justin). Hopefully, she'll be so impressed at your devotion to such a wholesome role model that she'll bung you some extra pressies.

10pm, MTV

## 22 December: Earn some extra dosh



It's the Saturday before Christmas and you obviously have Big Plans, so sweeten your parents by spending time with the gremlins (aka: younger siblings),

watching *Steps – Live In Your Living Room*. Your parents will be so thrilled that they'll bin your curfew. Or you can classify it as 'babysitting' and negotiate a fee! 7pm, Sky Box Office

## Christmas Day: Big In Japan



It's the surreal world of Japanese gambling, so place your bets on how many helium-filled balloons

it takes to lift granny's favourite choir boy, Aled Jones, off the ground. *Banzai Christmas Special* also goes Stateside to baffle Hollywood stars – Angelina Jolie, Kelsey 'Frasier' Grammer and Steven Seagal for starters – with lots more bizarre antics.

10.30pm, E4

## 27 December: Girls' night in



No boys allowed for this mate-only viewing session dedicated to the girls we love to hate, presented by ex-Eternal diva

Louise Redknapp. Victoria Beckham interviews the rich and famous, Geri Halliwell spills her soul (yet again – is there anything we don't know?) and Madonna prances around on her world tour. Girl power rules!

From 4pm, E4

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## Buffy

Series six kicks off with a tantalising two-parter which sees the gang trying to bring Buffy back from the dead with a magic spell – expect lots of claustrophobia-inducing coffin shots! Meanwhile, a group of motorbike-riding demons discover the truth about Buffybot, who's been posing as the Slayer.

8pm, Fridays, Sky One.



## Dawson's Creek

The *Dawson's Creek* crew are back, but now they've all relocated to big cities. Jen and Jack are causing waves on the Boston Bay College campus, while Pacey is secretly looking for a job in the area. Joey and Dawson, though, are having trouble settling down so far from each other's arms. Awww.

time tbc, E4



## Angel

Meanwhile, in the new series of *Angel*, the devilishly gorgeous one spends the summer at a Tibetan monastery mourning his beloved Buffster. His trip's interrupted when the monks turn out to be evil demons. Sheesh, even when you're on your hols a vampire never gets any rest!

9pm, Fridays, Sky One

# Festive soap slivers



## Best 'could look good in tights' moment

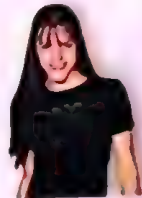
Robbie gets matey with Nita at the panto and spends Christmas in a golden glow of excitement, topping off a great year for Walford's least likely hunk.

## Best bad fairy moment

Revenge is sweet on *Brookside* Close. Determined to prove her loyalty, Sammy shocks Katie with her devious plan to ruin Jacqui Dixon's life for good.

## Best 'return to the crib' moment

Zoe returns to the bosoms (and there are many) of the Slater family and picks up the threads of her life.



## Best 'tears under the tree' moment

*Night And Day's* Sam visits his parent's grave and we're transported a year back in time to the final moments before their fatal accident. Tissues at the ready.

## Best 'surprise surprise' moment



*Family Affairs'* Paul is stunned to discover Kelly's carrying a baby for Matt and Karen. Jim tells him it's too late to be acting like a dad now. They'd be hard-pressed to be more blunt.

## Best Corniest moment of the season

Kathy leaves *Emmerdale* and for some sad, strange reason ancient crooner Marty Pellow is wheeled on to sing her a farewell tune – oh yuck.

## Best Santa impersonation

Corrie's Toyah persuades hunky Sam to be a stripping Father Christmas, while Steve and Vik curl up in shame over their own puny frames.



## Blackest Christmas

*Emmerdale's* Mark spends his Christmas worrying about the trial for killing his headmistress.

## Best 'holy virgin' moment

Will gets passionate with Dani in *Home and Away*, but things get difficult when he finds out she's still, ahem, untouched.





## Close Up

### Nick Carter from Backstreet Boys

**Does your Greatest Hits album mean BSB are splitting up?**

We're definitely not splitting up! We haven't had time to record a new album, but we wanted to give our fans something back for the support they've given us. This album represents the best of the last five years, so it's a big deal.

**If you could change one BSB moment, what would it be?**

I wouldn't change anything. We've had the best experiences of our lives. The only thing we'd want to do is make sure we appreciate our achievements. Sometimes it gets crazy and things

don't sink in until after the time has passed.

**How do you all keep grounded?**

We keep each other in check. If one of us is getting carried away, the others will tell them to change their attitude. We're a very strong unit and if we can't all agree on something, we don't do it.

**As a BSB, is it harder or easier to get girls?**

It's easier to talk to girls because they kind of know us already, so we just have to ask about them. They're usually quite open but can be a bit shy and nervous, which makes it difficult.

**Tell us a secret about yourself...**

I don't want to put you off! Seriously, I'm not always the sweet angel that people think I am. I can be a bad boy sometimes!

**What BSB lyric sums you up the best?**

"As long as there'll be music, we'll be coming back again" from *Everybody* (Backstreet's Back). We're always asked why we're in a band and this is it! We love music and performing. And as long as we have the ability and the fans want us, we'll keep on going.

**BSB's new single, Drowning, is out on 31 December.**

## Singles



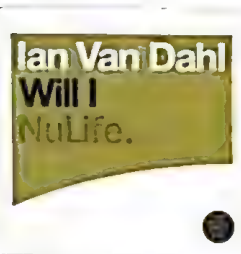
### Robbie Williams & Nicole Kidman

They might seem like an odd pair for a duet but this gorgeous twosome sound right at home covering this old Frank and Nancy Sinatra classic. The Christmas chart top spot beckons for this ballad. And rumours of Rob and Nic's post-performance activities make *Somethin' Stupid* even more irresistible.



### Dr Dre feat. Knoc-turn'al

If you haven't got Dre's wicked album *The Wash*, which accompanies the movie starring Dre and Snoop Dogg, then get *Bad Intentions* on your Christmas list! A no-fuss party track with a funky flute loop that'll have you getting down with your bad self on the dance floor. Respect!



### Ian Van Dahl

Following their chart smashin', dance-floor-burnin' hit *Castles In The Sky*, Ian Van Dahl are back with another top party tune. Despite the band's stupid name – they're actually three Belgian dance divas, fronted by 23-year-old singer Annemie Coenen – one listen to *Will I* and you'll be hooked!



### Ash

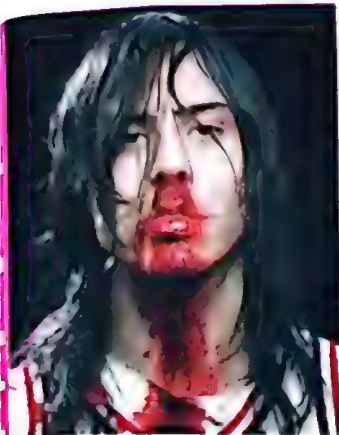
Poppy punksters Ash must be going for a 'most singles from one album' award cos this is the fifth from their long-player *Free All Angels*. Not that we mind. Tim, Mark, Rick and Charlotte haven't disappointed us all year and this festive number is the perfect track to end 2001 on. We're feeling that string arrangement!



### Dido

Not only did Dido pick up a Best New Act gong at last month's MTV Awards but she's shifted a breathtaking 11 million copies of her album, *No Angel* – and she probably knows Eminem's mobile number. Jealous, us? The gorgeous *All You Want* is a must-own track for girls obsessing over crushes or ex-boyfriends this Xmas.





## Andrew WK

"Life is a miracle to celebrate," reckons 23-year-old Andrew WK, who's tipped to be one of 2002's biggest stars. This philosophy could explain why rock's newest and strangest leader likes to party. Hard. His debut single, *Party Hard* (from album *I Get Wet*), was a mosh-addicted rock girl's dream – a post-industrial metal riff-fest which won Michigan-born Andrew instant admirers. Before WK (White Killer, Wild Kid or his surname Wilkes-Krier) got his big break from the Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl, he gigged in Starbucks but we won't hold that against him. Any friend of Dave's is a friend of ours and under all that hair and blood, he's pretty cute!

# Tuned In :: Christina Milian

Former Disney Channel journalist Christina Milian may not mean much to you now, but one of her tunes will – she wrote J.Lo's hit, *Play*. The 20-year-old also sang on Ja Rule's *Between You And Me* and has notched up an impressive amount of TV and movie credits.

"My mum caught me unscrewing the TV when I was four, trying to get in it," laughs Christina, who toured with 'N Sync last summer.

With *AM To PM*, her debut single, out in January, expect Christina to be taking over TVs everywhere!



## Albums::



### Various Artists Funky Divas

#### What's the story?

A two-CD compilation featuring the best tracks from the best female artists around. No girls' night in will be complete without it!

#### Is it any cop?

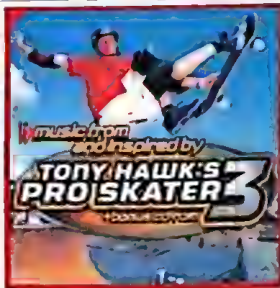
Don your kitten heels, grab a hairbrush and warble along with Eve, Pink, Mis-Teeq, Sam Mumba and more...

#### High point

A hot selection of tracks to suit a girl's every mood.

#### Low point

Natalie Imbruglia's *That Day*. Yeah, Nat, you're small and fragile.



### Various Artists Music from and inspired by Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3

#### What's the story?

A collection of punk and hip hop highlights for skate kids everywhere chosen by the skateboarding and video game legend, Tony Hawk.

#### Is it any cop?

Featuring tracks from Alien Ant Farm, Pennywise, Papa Roach and Outkast, this is one for hard-core moshers.

#### High point

Get your teeth into Deftones' *Head Up*. It's a big 'un!

#### Low point

Grazed knees when you pretend you can skateboard.



### The Princess Diaries OST

#### What's the story?

Music from new Hollywood chick-flick, *The Princess Diaries*, which hits cinemas at the end of December.

#### Is it any cop?

As cheesy as the film, this is pop from the likes of Steps, Mandy Moore (who's in the movie) and B\*Witched.

#### High point

Hanson's *Wake Up*. We just can't help liking those brothers!

#### Low point

Aaron Carter's *Little Bitty Pretty One*. Pack it in, Carter.



### Hear'Say Everybody

#### What's the story?

It seems like only yesterday this lot were bombarding us with a cappella renditions of *Monday, Monday*. Now they're on their second album.

#### Is it any cop?

How disappointing. No feel-good pop tracks and so unimaginative, boring and predictable it hurts.

#### High point

*Everybody*. A scarily infectious pop-fest.

#### Low point

Even Celine Dion would turn down the gruesome *Home Again*.





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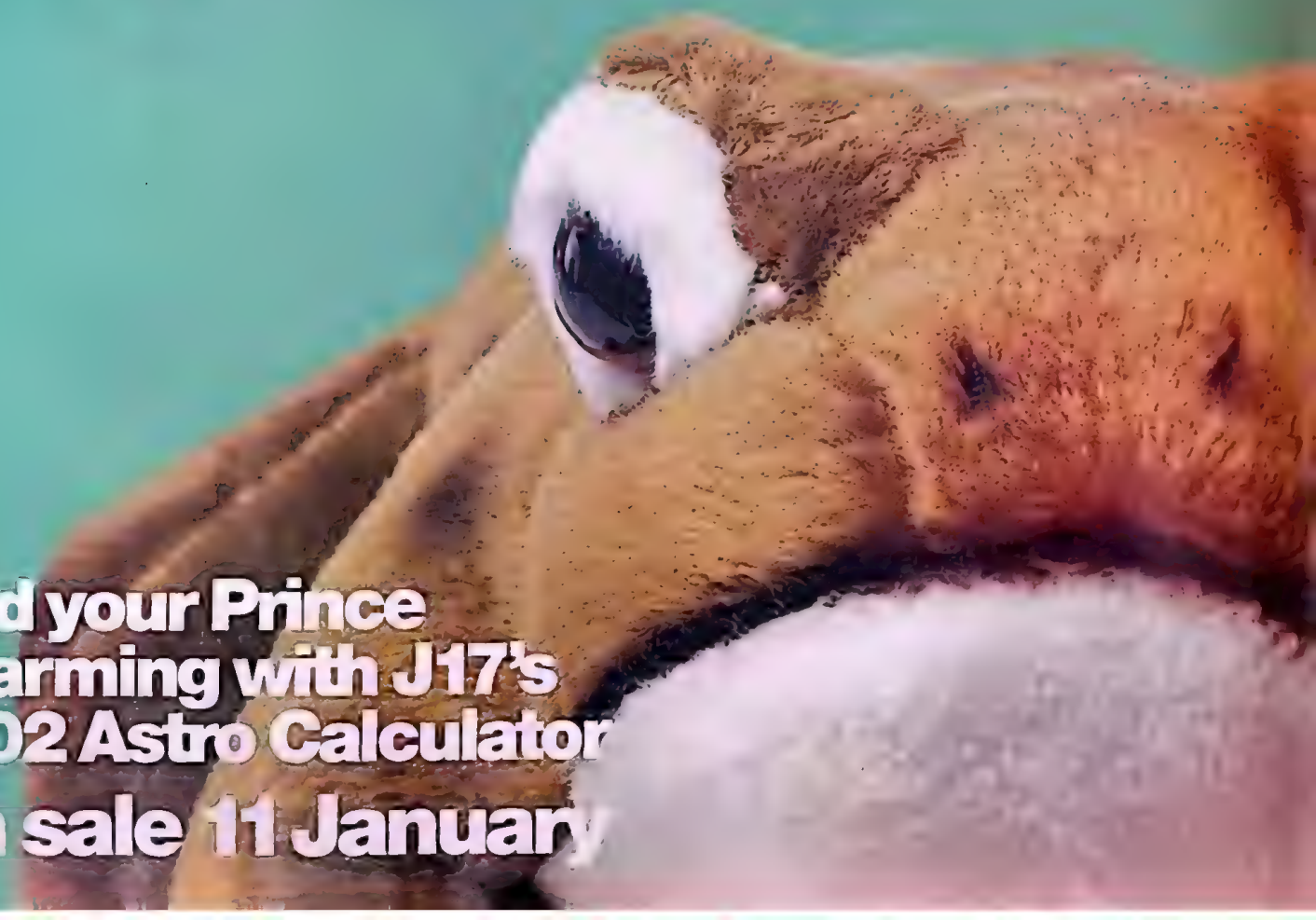
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## Is your number up?

Want to know your future? Draw a 12in circle on a piece of paper, focus on a situation, take three dice and roll 'em. Count up the number of spots that appear inside the circle, then check our chart to see what's in store...

- 1 Whatever you think will happen, will.
- 2 Whatever you think will happen, won't.
- 3 Great surprises are in store and you may receive unexpected news.
- 4 Something disappointing – perhaps even unpleasant – will happen.
- 5 Someone new is coming into your life and they'll make you very happy.
- 6 Take care or you'll lose something you value.
- 7 People will spill your secrets – and may even betray you.



- 8 If you proceed as planned, you'll be blamed when things go wrong.
- 9 A relationship is going to turn out fine, even if you've recently argued.
- 10 Change is in store and it's going to be good.
- 11 A rift or parting is on the cards, but you'll only be sad for a while.
- 12 Take advice before acting on good news.
- 13 Don't pursue this matter – it may be easily sorted but it will bring sadness.
- 14 A loving friendship will grow from this.
- 15 Stick to your principles and don't take risks.
- 16 An unexpected journey is on the cards and it may just change your life.
- 17 Be flexible with your plans and the cash will roll in.
- 18 A wish is going to be granted and success is guaranteed.

## Marriage dilemma

As part of our culture, my parents will arrange my marriage for me while I'm still quite young. I'd like to know if you can tell me when I am likely to get married and whether he will be 'the one'.

### From truly confused

It must be very difficult for you to grow up in two cultures at the same time and you're being pulled in different directions at once. Western culture tends to place the individual's needs above those of the group, while Eastern culture is much more group oriented. You will get married and have a happy married life. I won't tell you whether or not it will be arranged, but no-one can make

you do anything against your will and your parents wouldn't intentionally do anything to make you unhappy.

### Flying high

I keep having dreams about aeroplanes. Sometimes I'm flying in them and once, one crashed. I'm not scared of flying though, but does this mean that I'm destined to travel a lot?

**Buffy fan, born 15/11/85  
around 11 pm**

I guess with the events that happened on September 11, we are all a little concerned about flying. Your dreams do show a willingness to trust in others and to take risks, but they also demonstrate that you

must listen to your inner voice that warns against being too trusting. Someone with your can-do attitude is sure to travel, so I definitely think this is starred for you in the future.

## Star gazing

**Nick from Backstreet Boys, 28/1/80**



Nick has grown up in the group and although he clearly loves his buddies, he'll want to branch out on his own at some point. If he does pursue a solo singing career, it'll be a successful one – and, like so

## Eternal flame

I am sure that I was an ancient Egyptian queen in a past life and I believe my purpose in this life is to find my long-lost love who was king of Egypt thousands of years ago. I am hoping you can tell me where he is, or who he is, so we can be reunited.

**Kirsty, born 22/08/85**

That's very romantic and I hope it gives you comfort to think that somewhere out there is one man who is your soul mate. I do believe in reincarnation but have to admit I'm not sure I agree that there is just one person meant for each of us – I would hate for you to spend your life alone, looking for that special someone when there could be so many other people you'd be happy with. Only you can know if your past life was really true, but I sense that you shouldn't spend this lifetime trying to recreate the past.

many singers do, he's admitted that he wants to do more acting. He's already worked alongside Johnny Depp in *Edward Scissorhands* and I can see him taking a role in an action movie. Eventually, he'll produce and direct his own films – perhaps one about his life in the group. He doesn't have a girlfriend right now, but will settle down with a loyal, independent, honest girl who can provide him with stability – family life is very important to him.



# ARIES 21 MARCH - 20 APRIL



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>£ 14th</b> The Sagittarius New Moon brings the financial assistance that you badly need.	<b>15th</b> Your love life isn't running smoothly, with Venus and Pluto messing things up.	<b>16th</b> Mercury moves into Capricorn, so getting things done will be extra tricky today.	<b>17th</b> Don't take on too much, you are not as tough as you like to think you are.	<b>18th</b> Behind the scenes, a lot of good things are happening. You just need to believe.	<b>19th</b> Your energy levels are high, but somehow you never get to contribute fully.	<b>20th</b> With Mercury active again in your chart, you can push ahead with confidence.
<b>21st</b> You need to grit your teeth and get on with the task in hand. It is easier than you think.	<b>♥ 22nd</b> With Mercury and Saturn both working for you, love is never far away.	<b>23rd</b> Don't take this criticism the wrong way. It is intended to help you, so listen.	<b>24th</b> When will you learn to compromise? Fighting never gets you anywhere.	<b>25th</b> With the Moon in your sign, this is quite a moody, changeable Christmas.	<b>26th</b> The Moon moves into Taurus. Believe it or not, you'll enjoy just being with your family.	<b>♥ 27th</b> Fight off your physical tiredness, because Venus has romantic plans for you.
<b>★ 28th</b> You may be feeling irritable, but don't take it out on other people.	<b>29th</b> The Sun and Neptune combine to keep you grounded. No point aiming too high.	<b>★ 30th</b> The Full Moon in Cancer puts dampers on your plans today.	<b>31st</b> Pluto has a big influence on you today, so don't expect things to go simply.	<b>1st</b> Your resolution for 2002 should be to keep your temper and count to ten before reacting.	<b>2nd</b> Your body and brain don't seem to belong to the same person today.	<b>3rd</b> You have got big plans, but do you have the support you need to make them happen?
<b>4th</b> Mercury moves into Aquarius, so don't take everything you hear at face value.	<b>5th</b> When you don't know what you want, how will anyone else be able to work it out?	<b>6th</b> Things seem uncertain, because you're still unclear about what you want.	<b>7th</b> Venus and Jupiter come together and your life takes on a more interesting aspect.	<b>8th</b> When others are being silly then you shouldn't feel guilty about saying no.	<b>★ 9th</b> Others put you in a tricky position, but is it deliberate or an accident?	<b>10th</b> You can always find someone to run your life for you, but what do you want?

# TAURUS 21 APRIL - 21 MAY



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>♣ 14th</b> The Sagittarius New Moon makes you unusually expressive.	<b>15th</b> You aren't getting the whole truth today, so don't trust what you hear.	<b>16th</b> You're already made up your mind, so don't you're not bending the rules for you today.	<b>£ 17th</b> Money that you've saved has got a new meaning for you today.	<b>18th</b> A much-loved friend reminds you of a special time when you were both happy.	<b>19th</b> Teamwork has been the key today, so don't let it slip away from you.	<b>20th</b> Some people think you're a mystery, so it's the best way to keep them wrong.
<b>★ 21st</b> You're so busy worried about the best of times, you don't really live it.	<b>22nd</b> Saturn is very active in your chart today, so don't let it get you down.	<b>£ 23rd</b> The Sun moves into Capricorn, so don't let your worries get you down.	<b>24th</b> When your confidence is low, you know it. Take a break and things will get better.	<b>♣ 25th</b> You're always getting things done, so don't let it slip away from you.	<b>♣ 26th</b> The Moon moves into Taurus, so don't let it slip away from you.	<b>27th</b> Venus is reminding you of a special time when you were both happy, so don't let it slip away from you.
<b>♥ 28th</b> Your new-found confidence plays dividends in your love life.	<b>29th</b> The Sun and Neptune combine to keep you grounded. No point aiming too high.	<b>★ 30th</b> The Full Moon in Cancer puts dampers on your plans today.	<b>31st</b> Pluto has a big influence on you today, so don't expect things to go simply.	<b>1st</b> Your resolution for 2002 should be to keep your temper and count to ten before reacting.	<b>2nd</b> Your body and brain don't seem to belong to the same person today.	<b>3rd</b> You have got big plans, but do you have the support you need to make them happen?
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# GEMINI 22 MAY - 21 JUNE



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>♣ 14th</b> The New Moon in Sagittarius brings a new start to your life.	<b>15th</b> An old friend will need help. You need to keep their feet on the ground.	<b>16th</b> Mercury brings an intriguing invitation that you would be crazy to refuse.	<b>17th</b> Hide your time and others will come round to your way of thinking.	<b>♥ 18th</b> Your love life has been quiet, so today's events seem rather overdue.	<b>19th</b> A close friend is the subject of cruel gossip, and you need to deal with it subtly.	<b>20th</b> This isn't your fault, so step back and take a long, hard look at your options.
<b>21st</b> Some good luck on the horizon, but don't count your chickens at this stage.	<b>22nd</b> A stressful time, but when in the end, all you can say is "I did my best".	<b>23rd</b> Make the most of today's opportunities. There's a silver lining in most situations.	<b>24th</b> Not everyone sees things as clearly as you do, but don't let that spoil your enthusiasm.	<b>♣ 25th</b> The Moon is in Aries, so expect a more exciting Christmas than usual.	<b>26th</b> The Moon moves into Taurus, so you are unusually stubborn and a tiny bit lazy today.	<b>27th</b> Time to plan your New Year resolutions. Just make them realistic and appropriate.
<b>28th</b> Recent changes are to your advantage, but don't let them make the making of a mistake.	<b>29th</b> The Sun and Neptune put you at the top of your game. It's a great day for a party.	<b>★ 30th</b> The Full Moon will add to your difficulties, but you'll be fine.	<b>31st</b> Make sure the arrangements for this evening are understood by all concerned.	<b>1st</b> In 2002 you need to be more determined and decide what it is you want.	<b>2nd</b> You won't let your standards slip, but does that make you too judgemental?	<b>3rd</b> Try to understand another person's motives, they won't help unless you do.
<b>4th</b> The Sun is going back to the Sun and Mercury goes into Aquarius, you should watch your step.	<b>5th</b> You will have to fulfil your promises, and better to do it with a smile on your face.	<b>6th</b> The weather is dreadful, which matches your mood. Happily, both are due to improve.	<b>7th</b> Make your own decisions. If you let others decide they will, and that's far from ideal.	<b>8th</b> There is far too much talk and not enough action for your taste today.	<b>9th</b> A surprising outcome to a prolonged negotiation as others agree to your plan.	<b>10th</b> Be ready to help a dark-haired girl. At a later date she is sure to return the favour.



# CANCER 22 JUNE – 23 JULY



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>14th</b> The moon will bring an interesting older man into your life.	<b>15th</b> More of the same really, as Venus and Pluto keep things hot after dark!	<b>16th</b> No matter how well-intentioned they are, people should just learn to give it a rest.	<b>17th</b> Having good news is easy, but making real change is much more difficult.	<b>18th</b> For a while it's been the wrong person, but today things finally seem around.	<b>19th</b> Don't let other people bring you down. If they talk things up to you, make sure you're not above them.	<b>20th</b> If people around you are not as committed to you as you must help them out.
<b>21st</b> Don't let the sun bring you down. If you're not sure, it's better to be sure.	<b>22nd</b> Mercury is in the house, and it's a good thing. You'll be able to get the facts you need.	<b>23rd</b> You are more powerful than you think. It's an old trick to keep the Christmas shopping.	<b>24th</b> Since you're able to work together, the best Christmas is promised to be.	<b>25th</b> The Moon is in the house, and it's a good thing. You'll be able to get the facts you need.	<b>26th</b> At the Moon, you'll find a new move in. You're feeling grounded and together.	<b>27th</b> Venus brings an event that will be to you. It's a surprise, and a bit of a surprise to you.
<b>28th</b> You know some real idiots so do not follow their advice.	<b>29th</b> The Sun and Neptune come together to put things back on an even keel.	<b>30th</b> You get a couple dose of the Full Moon blues, and it's in your sign today.	<b>31st</b> It's easy to get angry, but it's not a way to change things.	<b>1st</b> The Moon is in the house, and it's a good thing. You'll be able to get the facts you need.	<b>2nd</b> You must find a way to get a better person's attention. There will be trouble.	<b>3rd</b> You've tried to point out the danger, but it's not a danger. What are you to do?
<b>4th</b> Mercury gets it on with Aquarius, meaning this is a lucky time for romance.	<b>5th</b> The stars bring a day in which things work out better than you could have hoped.	<b>6th</b> You're going to see the end of the world, but it's not a danger. What are you to do?	<b>7th</b> Venus brings an event that will be to you. It's a surprise, and a bit of a surprise to you.	<b>8th</b> A new move in the house, and it's a good thing. You'll be able to get the facts you need.	<b>9th</b> Money, women, and a person with a good idea. Something is good to think.	<b>10th</b> Your opinion about someone's home. Should you be getting too close to danger?

# LEO 24 JULY – 23 AUGUST



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>14th</b> The moon will bring an interesting older man into your life.	<b>15th</b> More of the same really, as Venus and Pluto keep things hot after dark!	<b>16th</b> No matter how well-intentioned they are, people should just learn to give it a rest.	<b>17th</b> Having good news is easy, but making real change is much more difficult.	<b>18th</b> For a while it's been the wrong person, but today things finally seem around.	<b>19th</b> Don't let other people bring you down. If they talk things up to you, make sure you're not above them.	<b>20th</b> If people around you are not as committed to you as you must help them out.
<b>21st</b> Don't let the sun bring you down. If you're not sure, it's better to be sure.	<b>22nd</b> Mercury is in the house, and it's a good thing. You'll be able to get the facts you need.	<b>23rd</b> You are more powerful than you think. It's an old trick to keep the Christmas shopping.	<b>24th</b> Since you're able to work together, the best Christmas is promised to be.	<b>25th</b> The Moon is in the house, and it's a good thing. You'll be able to get the facts you need.	<b>26th</b> At the Moon, you'll find a new move in. You're feeling grounded and together.	<b>27th</b> Venus brings an event that will be to you. It's a surprise, and a bit of a surprise to you.
<b>28th</b> You know some real idiots so do not follow their advice.	<b>29th</b> The Sun and Neptune come together to put things back on an even keel.	<b>30th</b> You get a couple dose of the Full Moon blues, and it's in your sign today.	<b>31st</b> It's easy to get angry, but it's not a way to change things.	<b>1st</b> The Moon is in the house, and it's a good thing. You'll be able to get the facts you need.	<b>2nd</b> You must find a way to get a better person's attention. There will be trouble.	<b>3rd</b> You've tried to point out the danger, but it's not a danger. What are you to do?
<b>4th</b> Mercury gets it on with Aquarius, meaning this is a lucky time for romance.	<b>5th</b> The stars bring a day in which things work out better than you could have hoped.	<b>6th</b> You're going to see the end of the world, but it's not a danger. What are you to do?	<b>7th</b> Venus brings an event that will be to you. It's a surprise, and a bit of a surprise to you.	<b>8th</b> A new move in the house, and it's a good thing. You'll be able to get the facts you need.	<b>9th</b> Money, women, and a person with a good idea. Something is good to think.	<b>10th</b> Your opinion about someone's home. Should you be getting too close to danger?

# VIRGO 24 AUGUST – 23 SEPTEMBER



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>14th</b> The New Moon will bring an interesting older man into your life.	<b>15th</b> More of the same really, as Venus and Pluto keep things hot after dark!	<b>16th</b> No matter how well-intentioned they are, people should just learn to give it a rest.	<b>17th</b> A social event you've been looking forward to will be postponed.	<b>18th</b> Stop worrying about going your own way. Just do what you have to do.	<b>19th</b> Tell them to give it a rest. You've had enough of listening to so much nonsense.	<b>20th</b> Despite small frustrations, there is a fundamental and positive change coming.
<b>21st</b> Money won't be a problem for at least a couple of weeks after today.	<b>22nd</b> Don't listen to silly gossip, the meeting of Mercury and Saturn isn't one that helps you.	<b>23rd</b> The Sun in Capricorn makes you take on some practical characteristics.	<b>24th</b> A job well done, even a little job, is a source of immense satisfaction to you.	<b>25th</b> One of the better Christmas, as the Moon moves into Aries, which suits you no end.	<b>26th</b> Taurus, the sign that denotes the home, is responsible for most of today's activity.	<b>27th</b> All goes haywire. Unfortunately, you just haven't got the skills to meet this challenge.
<b>28th</b> You know some real idiots so do not follow their advice.	<b>29th</b> The Sun and Neptune come together to put things back on an even keel.	<b>30th</b> The Full Moon in nearby Cancer puts a real damper on your day.	<b>31st</b> Make the most of the extra energy that Mars gives you, you'll certainly need it.	<b>1st</b> In the New Year you need to get to grips with all the doubts that have held you back in 2001.	<b>2nd</b> Unless you tell people what you want, how will anyone know how to help?	<b>3rd</b> You need to take a break, and now that Mercury is helping, you'll get the chance.
<b>4th</b> Mercury gets it on with Aquarius, meaning this is a lucky time for romance.	<b>5th</b> The stars bring a day in which things work out better than you could have hoped.	<b>6th</b> Others aren't doing their fair share, but the time isn't right to speak out just yet.	<b>7th</b> You have to take the initiative - Venus and Jupiter will help, but it's mostly down to you.	<b>8th</b> Today, new ideas or opportunities abroad are delivered directly to your doorstep.	<b>9th</b> Some decisions are too big to be taken lightly. If you're unsure, try to put them off.	<b>10th</b> Things are going your way, but be prepared to make some effort yourself.



# LIBRA 24 SEPTEMBER – 23 OCTOBER



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>14th</b> You're quite in, now that the Sagittarius New Moon brings money your way.	<b>18th</b> Pluto keeps it interesting. Don't panic and things will start to hot up nicely.	<b>18th</b> Some welcome news from afar is brought by Mercury as it moves into Capricorn.	<b>17th</b> Pride can make it hard to get in touch with your feelings, but that's what you must do.	<b>18th</b> Listen to your heart and you will get all the inspiration you could possibly need.	<b>19th</b> Your social life is hotting up, but try to keep it in balance with work and home life.	<b>20th</b> It'll be tough, but as long as you can show some guts today you'll come out on top.
<b>21st</b> You have been promising to make a new start for some time. Well, today is the day.	<b>22nd</b> You have a lot to be proud of. You've worked hard and received your reward.	<b>23rd</b> The Sun moves into Capricorn putting a rosy glow on your love life.	<b>24th</b> You should know better than to judge someone just by their appearance.	<b>25th</b> You are so determined to enjoy yourself that nothing is going to stop you.	<b>26th</b> A day to spend with your family, as the Taurus Moon puts the emphasis on home.	<b>27th</b> No let-up on the social front. Today Venus adds that little bit of extra sparkle.
<b>28th</b> You need some fresh air and perhaps a new hobby. Life has been too tough recently.	<b>29th</b> You really want to rise to the challenge, but are afraid to risk so much.	<b>30th</b> The Full Moon means that it is very risky to make big decisions.	<b>31st</b> A super social day, as you make the most of the party season.	<b>1st</b> Libra resolutions for 2002 must involve getting yourself healthy and in shape this year.	<b>2nd</b> Don't play around with your schoolwork. Any silliness will come back to haunt you.	<b>3rd</b> Venus isn't doing you any favours, but the harder you work, the more you will achieve.
<b>4th</b> Mercury is in Aquarius – good news if you're trying to manage home and work.	<b>5th</b> If you are presently boy-less this could be a very important day for you.	<b>6th</b> A blonde girl and a fair-haired man are talking about you. It's not clear if this is good.	<b>7th</b> What are you trying to achieve: good grades or a great social life? Why not a mix of both?	<b>8th</b> Happiness comes from being surrounded by people who care about you.	<b>9th</b> Keep calm, cool and collected. The signs aren't good, but they aren't certain either.	<b>10th</b> Speak softly. Your friends don't share your feelings and you can't force them to either.

# SCORPIO 24 OCTOBER – 22 NOVEMBER



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>14th</b> The Sun in the promise of a new romance.	<b>18th</b> You need to be honest with yourself rather than spreading yourself too thin.	<b>18th</b> Don't expect things to go as smoothly as you wish, but when they are, enjoy them.	<b>17th</b> Love is in the air, but someone who speaks a different language.	<b>18th</b> You normally get by with extra hard work, but today you're no exception.	<b>19th</b> You're a little bit of a dreamer, so today's challenges are a good thing.	<b>20th</b> You are ready to escape, but nothing with fire doesn't always have the desired effect.
<b>21st</b> It's funny how sometimes you expect more and get less.	<b>22nd</b> A good shopping day, but don't go overboard.	<b>23rd</b> Keep smiling, even if it's a little bit of a strain.	<b>24th</b> Don't waste your energy by trying to please everyone.	<b>25th</b> A very enjoyable day, but don't get too carried away.	<b>26th</b> The Moon in Cancer adds a little bit of love and the day is yours.	<b>27th</b> People expect more from you, and you're living up to their expectations.
<b>28th</b> In your present position, you're not doing too well.	<b>29th</b> The Sun in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>30th</b> The Moon in Cancer adds a little bit of love and the day is yours.	<b>31st</b> Mars and Saturn are in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>1st</b> The Sun in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>2nd</b> The Moon in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>3rd</b> There's a lot of love in the air, but the stars aren't quite so bright.
<b>4th</b> You need to be a little more realistic, but don't let that stop you.	<b>5th</b> You're a little bit of a dreamer, but don't let that stop you.	<b>6th</b> The Sun in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>7th</b> The Moon in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>8th</b> The Sun in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>9th</b> The Moon in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>10th</b> The Sun in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.

# SAGITTARIUS 23 NOVEMBER – 22 DECEMBER



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>14th</b> You get a lot of good news today, but don't let it go to your head.	<b>18th</b> Venus and the Sun are in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>18th</b> The good things in life are not far away, but you have to work for them.	<b>17th</b> You may regret not seeing a script, but were you really that unreasonable?	<b>18th</b> If someone who's just been a friend today's preference to privacy is strange.	<b>19th</b> It isn't much fun when what is best for you is the opposite of what you want to do.	<b>20th</b> Your confidence doesn't seem to be as good as you think it is.
<b>21st</b> Friends and family are on your mind, but don't let them distract you.	<b>22nd</b> A good shopping day, but don't go overboard.	<b>23rd</b> As the Sun leaves your sign you have a temporary sense of loss and regret.	<b>24th</b> You would appreciate time out of the spotlight, but don't start to get too much.	<b>25th</b> The Christmas spirit is in the air, but don't let it distract you.	<b>26th</b> Proof that good guys don't always finish first. You can't win if you're not doing the right thing.	<b>27th</b> When Venus moves in, you know that love is just around the corner.
<b>28th</b> Money is in the air, but don't let it distract you.	<b>29th</b> The Sun and the Moon are in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>30th</b> The Full Moon is in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>31st</b> It's not in your nature to give in to something so obvious. Stick to your principles.	<b>1st</b> You need to be a bit tougher on yourself, but don't let it distract you.	<b>2nd</b> Persuading someone to do what you want can be difficult and you must be patient.	<b>3rd</b> You know that love is just around the corner, but don't let it distract you.
<b>4th</b> The Sun is in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>5th</b> The Moon is in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>6th</b> Even though it might seem like a long time, it's not that long.	<b>7th</b> Venus joins Jupiter in the sign of the scales, and you can be sure that love is on the way.	<b>8th</b> You are too busy to remember the New Year, but don't let it distract you.	<b>9th</b> Try to understand what is making you so confused, but you know better than anyone else.	<b>10th</b> Affairs in the heart won't be sorted out.



# CAPRICORN 23 DECEMBER – 20 JANUARY



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>14th</b> The New Moon is close and you're feeling very touchy-feely today.	<b>15th</b> Don't stand for half-measures and you will get everything that you're entitled to.	<b>16th</b> The cards start arriving, as Mercury puts the emphasis on communication.	<b>17th</b> Things seem a little tense. Better times are coming, but try to keep your head down.	<b>18th</b> A difficult month is coming to an end. Much of what you believed has now changed.	<b>19th</b> An excellent party day, when you are at the centre of everything that is going on.	<b>20th</b> Not a good day. Your confidence is shot and you don't have your usual spirit.
<b>21st</b> It's a good time to listen to what your friends have been trying to tell you for ages.	<b>22nd</b> Mercury and Saturn send a timely addition to your bank balance.	<b>23rd</b> You stand under the spotlight, as the Sun moves into your sign.	<b>24th</b> You must concentrate on work for two weeks, despite all obvious distractions.	<b>25th</b> You'd hoped for a quiet time, but with Aries so prominent it's a bit frantic for your tastes.	<b>26th</b> The Moon moves into Taurus, and this slower domestic feel is quite attractive to you.	<b>27th</b> As Venus moves into your sign, it's still the party season. You are busy, but happy.
<b>28th</b> You discover a new burst of life and vigour which gives you masses of energy.	<b>29th</b> Others are sniping at you, but if you're having fun why worry? They'll soon stop.	<b>30th</b> Everyone seems determined to fight, as the Full Moon makes it tough.	<b>31st</b> The year ends on a high. Mars and Pluto give you an ego boost as the day develops.	<b>1st</b> You are usually too tough on yourself, so don't attempt impossible challenges.	<b>2nd</b> You're coasting along and are certainly not in a position to move forward.	<b>3rd</b> It's all getting very exciting. Don't be scared to take the initiative this time.
<b>4th</b> Someone you care about needs help, so don't just stand there watching, lend a hand.	<b>5th</b> There's a rapid reverse of fortune, as the stars have you on a real high.	<b>6th</b> You're frustrating everyone with your continual mood swings. It's just not fair.	<b>7th</b> You are torn between what you want to do and what you know you should do.	<b>8th</b> You can't keep expecting your friends to put up with your bad moods.	<b>9th</b> Make some time for yourself as the Gemini Moon keeps things ticking over nicely.	<b>10th</b> You look forward with confidence. Bar minor hiccups, the future is bright.

# AQUARIUS 21 JANUARY – 19 FEBRUARY



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>14th</b> The New Moon falls in the area of your chart that promises romance.	<b>15th</b> It's nice to be cared for, however, sometimes that can be suffocating.	<b>16th</b> Mercury is moving your way, which means that it will be easier to ask for what you want.	<b>17th</b> If you thought yesterday was bad, today is even more of a slap in the face.	<b>18th</b> Push ahead with money matters. This is not a time for being weak-willed.	<b>19th</b> You are right to worry, but you'd be better advised to think about how to fix it.	<b>20th</b> Be diplomatic as the Stars and other pressures make things potentially explosive.
<b>21st</b> You can deal with whatever life throws at you today. In fact, you can handle it with ease.	<b>22nd</b> Good things are coming and you can tell that 2002 will be a year to remember.	<b>23rd</b> The Sun brings a sparkle into your life. You are so full of life that you positively glow.	<b>24th</b> You'll get into difficulties, so keep your head down when things get tough.	<b>25th</b> The best day of the year – a Christmas that brings all you'd hoped for.	<b>26th</b> The emphasis is on domestic matters. Someone needs to compromise – you?	<b>27th</b> Whatever you do, don't take any of it too seriously – it's just a bit of fun.
<b>28th</b> If only every day could be as exciting. Thrilling is the only word for it.	<b>29th</b> The situation may look great from the outside, but it isn't when it happens to you.	<b>30th</b> The Full Moon only seems to add to your woes and you're partly responsible.	<b>31st</b> You ought to take a stand on this subject. After all, it affects you more than anyone else.	<b>1st</b> Your resolutions for this year need to focus on your love life. It needs to be sorted out.	<b>2nd</b> A dark lady enters your life promising new friendships and lifelong companionship.	<b>3rd</b> Don't be put off by the experiences of others. Find out things for yourself.
<b>4th</b> Concentrate on getting your wishes across because you can get what you want.	<b>5th</b> The month doesn't start too well as your problems seem insurmountable.	<b>6th</b> Whether it is work or study, things don't turn out the way you want them to.	<b>7th</b> It's nice to do things with style, but sometimes winning ugly is the best you'll get.	<b>8th</b> If you don't have to make a decision today, things will probably turn out to be all right.	<b>9th</b> The key is to act at the right time, not before. Try to keep things close to your chest.	<b>10th</b> The stars bring harmony at home, so if there's been a problem, it's a problem solved.

# PISCES 20 FEBRUARY – 20 MARCH



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>14th</b> Sagittarius gives you all the cash you'll need to meet your Crimbo obligations.	<b>15th</b> A day that has unfulfilled promise. You never seem to get where you were going.	<b>16th</b> It's amusing, but only in a cruel sort of way, and sometimes being funny isn't enough.	<b>17th</b> Something serious is coming, but are you ready to commit to just one guy?	<b>18th</b> Mercury's influence on your sign invites good company into your life.	<b>19th</b> The stars will see to it that you get more than your fair share of what's going on.	<b>20th</b> You are a driven and positive person, but some people find that threatening.
<b>21st</b> It's been a struggle to keep things in order. But you are on the right track.	<b>22nd</b> Hit the shops, do it long and do it hard. How can you have left things so late?	<b>23rd</b> Some people have a different idea of what fun means. Strange really.	<b>24th</b> Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Easy to say, but difficult to do.	<b>25th</b> You spent what you had, but you still come out a big winner today.	<b>26th</b> You deserve a little pampering, and the Taurean Moon ensures that you get it.	<b>27th</b> This has been arranged behind your back, but try to act surprised.
<b>28th</b> It may not go according to plan, but all things considered, it's going your way.	<b>29th</b> The thing to aim for today is the elegant solution – don't just win, but win with style.	<b>30th</b> Oh dear, the Full Moon could see some chickens coming home to roost.	<b>31st</b> Finish the year off on a high, but you need to show self control, cos no-one else will.	<b>1st</b> Promise yourself that from now on you'll speak up if people say things you disagree with.	<b>2nd</b> It gets frustrating today, because things don't seem to be reaching a conclusion.	<b>3rd</b> You've been putting off a trip to elderly relatives. Go today and you'll surprise yourself.
<b>4th</b> As Mercury moves in next door you will receive some excellent news from the north.	<b>5th</b> You're taking on someone else's problems when you've got plenty of your own.	<b>6th</b> This is an excellent chance to put things right with your love life.	<b>7th</b> When your heart says yes but your head says maybe, follow your heart.	<b>8th</b> As a rule, you don't enjoy surprises, but this is a good one, so go with it.	<b>9th</b> For the coming couple of weeks you can expect things to work out fine.	<b>10th</b> You may be looking a gift horse in the mouth but, even so, life seems too good to be true.



# 17 ways to act like a boy

**Sometimes they seem to be a whole other species, but it ain't that hard to live like a lad**

**1** Dribble a ball up the garden path and, in a commentator voice, say things like, "Beckham's past one defender, he's past two... he SCAAAAAWES!"

**2** When you bump into a mate in town, slap them on the back

or mock punch them on the arm. Shake their hand in an elaborate Ali G-style and call them "man".

**3** Insist on taking apart electrical items, claiming: "I know what I'm doing". Toasters, stereos, computers... nothing is safe. Be sure to leave it in a hundred pieces.

**4** Never, ever communicate with your family. They are unfashionable, embarrassing fools. When they shame you by asking questions, grunt.

**5** Make takeaways a staple part of your diet. Remember that scoffing the hottest thing on the menu proves your masculinity. Vindaloos, chilli sauce and mustard are the manliest.

**6** Avoid being nice to your friends at all costs. If they get their hair cut or buy a new pair of jeans tell them they look like a "dick" or a "ponce", then laugh at them all day.

**7** Develop an obsession with boobs and, when talking to a female, always address her chest. Pretend you disapprove of breast implants but demand a Jordan calendar for Christmas.

**8** Become a fan of the most obscure music possible and diss all the girls in your class by calling their fave band "commercial

crap". Go for happy hardcore or intelligent drum 'n' bass.

**9** Leap for joy when a new computer game comes out. Devote time to learning the cheats then sulk if your mates beat you

**10** Find cars, motorbikes and any fast moving forms of transport strangely arousing.

**11** When one of your girl mates is in a mood accuse her of being "on the blob".

**12** Take enormous pleasure in farting, belching and flicking greenies. Don't blame anyone else - be loud and be proud.

**13** Sit on the bus/train/tube with your legs wide apart, intruding on your neighbour's space. Tap your feet irritatingly and make sure your Walkman can be heard by everyone.

**14** Hog the bathroom for at least an hour, making sure you leave every towel completely soaked. Emerge looking - freakishly enough - no cleaner.

**15** Keep a stack of 'specialist magazines' under your bed and go bright red and mumble when anyone ventures near them.

**16** Only shed actual tears of emotion when your footy team loses, or someone kicks you between the legs!

**17** Nick your sister's copy of J17 and read it when no-one's looking, paying particular attention to the problem page.





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Artist Tune Order code

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Afroman	/Because I got high	961711
Di Dadi	/Hey Baby	961698
Steps	/Chain Reaction	961895
Mary J Blige	/Family Affair	961896
Kylie Minogue	/Can't get you out of my head	961692
Michael Jackson	/You rock my world	960442
Destiny's Child	/Emotion	961719
Jennifer Lopez	/I'm real	961165
Blue Cantrrell	/Hit em up style	961127

Linkin Park	/In the End	961183
Derude	/Sandstorm	960229
Usher	/You remind me	960441
Ian van Dahl	/Castles In The Sky	960725
Shaggy	/Angel	960257
Machine Gun	/D-12/Purple hills	961267
D-12	/Purple hills	961841
Atomic Kitten	/Whole again	960379
Blue	/All rise	960512
Allen Ant Farm	/Smooth Criminal	961693
Uncle Kracker	/Follow Me	960899
P. Diddy and the Family	/Bad Boy for Life	961694

Eminem	/Scan	960325
Westlife	/Uptown girl	960143
Bombfunk MC's	/Freestyler	961014
Eve	/Let me blow ya mind	961316
Roger Sanchez	/Another chance	960535
Mission Impossible (TV)		961421
Bob The Builder		961643
Simpsons (TV)		960280
Harry Potter (Film)		961705
Beverly Hills Cop. (TV)		960562
Halloween (Film)		961077
Men behaving badly (TV)		961400
Pink Panther		961598
Star Wars (Movie Theme)		
/Imperial March		960328
Wallace and Gromit (Movie Theme)		
/Wallace and Gromit		960155
Atomic Kitten	/Eternal flame	961712
Daddy DJ	/The girl in the red	961177
Di Dadi	/Hey Baby	961698
Bombfunk MC's	/Super Electric	961716

### PICTUREMESSAGES

Order code Order code

HELLO	970155	party out	970358
HELLO	970188	Know me	970221
HELLO	970550	HELLO	970185
HELLO	970444	HELLO	970086
HELLO	970434	HELLO	970001
HELLO	970345	HELLO	970249
HELLO	970320	HELLO	970241
HELLO	970302	HELLO	970428
HELLO	970536	HELLO	970424
HELLO	970529	HELLO	970552
HELLO	970035	HELLO	970496
HELLO	970388	HELLO	970249
HELLO	970514	HELLO	970159
HELLO	970301	HELLO	970497
HELLO	970285	HELLO	970056

HELLO	970334	HELLO	970305
HELLO	970491	HELLO	970499
HELLO	970556	HELLO	970452
HELLO	970043	HELLO	970288
HELLO	970453	HELLO	970525
HELLO	970400	HELLO	970189
HELLO	970108	HELLO	970262
HELLO	970072	HELLO	970025
HELLO	970024	HELLO	970132
HELLO	970118	HELLO	970304
HELLO	970349	HELLO	970143
HELLO	970521	HELLO	970522

HELLO	970295	HELLO	970179
HELLO	970538	HELLO	970483

### LOGOS

Order code

Nike	951519
007	951249
007	952247
007	952381
007	951684
007	950558
007	950247
007	950761
007	951493
007	951502
007	951265
007	951034
007	950322
007	950148
007	950994
007	951287
007	951468
007	951838
007	950032
007	950320
007	952168
007	951468
007	951892
007	951726

007	950004
007	952031
007	952144
007	951248
007	951550
007	950347
007	950655
007	950456
007	950972
007	950384
007	951453
007	952337
007	952392

007	950064
007	951007
007	951508
007	951767

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BUNNIES	980035
PRESS DOWN	980062
HAPPY BIRTHDAY	980023
MEGALOVE	980053
I LOVE U	980031
PIG SEARCH	980061
HEY YOU	980018
CARTMAN	980007
BUTTERFLY	980005
GOOD NIGHT	980030
DISCO	980012
BOMB	980059
FIRE	980083
A DOG	980041
SLEEP	980057
SMILE	980094
LOVE METER	980049
SELFDESTRUCTION	980068
PINOCCHIO	980058
PLAY MY	980019
BROKEN HEART	980026

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KISS	980063	DANCIN TEDDY	980009
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KISS	980063	DANCIN TEDDY	980009
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GREETINGS		
Babe	Birthday	990002
Teen Queen	Birthday	990004
Pierre	Sorry	990006
Subber	Sorry	990008
JOE	Sorry	990010
Babe	Hi There	990012
Teen Queen	Hi There	990014
JOE	Hi There	990015
Pierre	Christmas	990017
Babe	Christmas	990019
JOE	Christmas	990020
Subber	Christmas	990024
Teen Queen	Christmas	990026
JOE	Christmas	990030
Subber	New Years	990037
Teen Queen	New Years	990041

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Pierre	I Love You	990046
Babe	I Love You	990047
JOE	I Love You	990050
Subber	Love Coupons	990053

### LOVE STAFF

Sound Effects	Burp	990064
Sound Effects	Vomit	990066
Sound Effects	Sexy	990068
Suit	Male 1	990069
Suit	Male 3	990071
Suit	Female 1	990075
Celebrity Take-Off		
Dirty Harry		990083
Celebrity Take-Off		
Godfather		990088
Celebrity Take-Off		
Madonna		990094

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### Christmas songs

White Christmas	960377
Jingle Bells	961211
Go, Tell it on the Mountain	961084
George Michael/Last Christmas	960745
Phil Coulter/Walking In The Air	961343

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